

The Energy Conservation and Oil Substitution Branch provides policy recommendations in the field of energy conservation and oil substitution; conducts analyses of energy demand and factors affecting energy-use efficiency and assesses potential for improvement; encourages industry and householders to implement conservation and oil substitution measures through direct financial assistance programs and through information and education programs; conducts audits of federal buildings and facilities; and identifies priority areas with energy conservation and oil substitution potential in which there is insufficient federal action. The Branch has also been assigned specific responsibility for program delivery in the regions. It monitors regional energy developments, reviews new and existing programs from a regional perspective, and provides liaison with the regional federal coordinators.

Petroleum Sector

The Petroleum Sector, headed by Roland Priddle, is responsible for designing and implementing policies and programs to ensure the orderly development and efficient utilization of Canada's oil and gas resources. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Petroleum Sector administers the oil pricing and compensation system, implements the Natural Gas Laterals Program to construct natural gas lateral pipelines in Quebec, undertakes petroleum resource assessments, and advises on policies and programs affecting the supply of domestic and imported oil and the downstream petroleum refining and marketing industry.

The Petroleum Sector is organized into five branches: Petroleum Resources, Oil Supply, Petroleum Utilization, Natural Gas, and Oil Pricing and Compensation.

The Petroleum Resources Branch provides analysis and advice on the economics and technology of crude oil and gas supplies in Canada and elsewhere; manages research and development for oil and gas exploration and production and upgrading technologies; provides analyses on, and publishes the results of, petroleum upstream activities.

The Oil Supply Branch provides advice, analysis and information on Canadian oil requirements, and advises on the availability of oil supplies from domestic and offshore sources to meet these requirements. The Branch also ensures that related programs with respect to the production, export, import and allocation of oil are implemented and administered in accordance with Government policy and relevant legislation.