

Alberta Environment Budget 2008-09

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Highlights

Program expense will more than double this year, from \$183 million in 2007-08 to \$403 million in 2008-09 (a \$220 million or 120.2 per cent increase), when one-time payments from 2007-08 are not included.

Over the next three years, program spending for Alberta Environment will exceed \$1 billion.

Safeguard public & environmental health

Ensures

- safe, secure supply of drinking water
- reliable, timely and accurate environmental data
- policy is developed with best possible science and technology
- climate change strategy is implemented
- innovative system policy development

2008-09 funding

\$273.8 million

New funding

- \$155 million collected in the Climate Change and Emissions Management Fund as industrial emitters comply with greenhouse gas legislation
- \$52 million from the Federal Eco-Trust to support projects that will result in real reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants
- \$25 million (\$30 million total) to implement aspects of the climate change strategy

Develop & maintain regulatory systems & environmental infrastructure

Ensures

- development of approaches to reduce and manage cumulative effects
- communication of water approval conditions to licence holders
- compliance and enforcement of environmental legislation
- operation and maintenance of provincially-owned water management infrastructure
- capability to respond to environmental emergencies
- an innovative environmental management system for the oil sands
- regulatory management of oil sands

2008-09 funding

\$103 million

New funding

- \$1.4 million in dedicated funding from reclamation and remediation audits

Lead & enable environmental stewardship

Ensures

- Albertans make informed environmental decisions
- Water for Life strategy is implemented
- effective relationships with other governments and stakeholders

2008-09 funding

\$25.9 million

New funding

- \$2.4 million (\$16 million over three years) for groundwater management and mapping

