

## News Release

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### *CASA asking Albertans about emissions from power plants*

*Edmonton* - The Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA) is reviewing a framework to manage emissions from electricity generation and is seeking public input.

CASA is inviting interested Albertans to provide feedback either by filling out a survey, attending a public meeting or providing a written submission. Public meetings will be held in Hanna on January 27 and in Keephills on January 29. Albertans can also complete the online discussion guide and survey available at [www.electricair.ca](http://www.electricair.ca) or contact CASA to request a copy of the guide or to provide a written submission. The deadline for input is February 28, 2009.

The framework under review was developed by CASA in 2003. The Government of Alberta and industry have implemented many of its recommendations, including a review every five years.

"We are pleased the Government of Alberta has asked CASA to carry out the first five-year review and we are committed to ensuring Albertans have the opportunity to provide feedback on this important topic," said Kerra Chomlak, executive director of CASA.

CASA is an Alberta-based, multi-stakeholder organization that brings together representatives from industry, government and non-governmental organizations to recommend strategies to manage air quality issues in Alberta.

"The Government of Alberta is committed to keeping our air clean and our standards leading edge. In light of new technologies and new science, this review will allow Albertans to provide direct feedback, which will aid in our continuing efforts to ensure Alberta's air quality remains protected," says Rob Renner, Minister of Environment.

"The CASA process is helping us to improve how we manage air quality in Alberta and reviewing the electricity framework will help to keep it current and foster continuous improvement of environmental performance in the electricity sector," said Jim Hackett of ATCO Power, industry co-chair on the CASA project team overseeing the review.

Tom Marr-Laing of the Pembina Institute and non-governmental organization co-chair stated: "CASA wants to hear from Albertans about any concerns or suggestions they may have about air quality as a result of electricity generation in Alberta. It's a good opportunity for Albertans to have a say in how these emissions are managed."

Recommendations from the review will be presented to the CASA Board in mid-2009.

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## Backgrounder

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Consultation website: [www.electricair.ca](http://www.electricair.ca)

### **About the Review**

The Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA) is reviewing the 2003 *Emissions Management Framework for the Alberta Electricity Sector*. The focus of the framework is on reducing emissions of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, mercury and particulate matter. The review will help to keep the framework timely and relevant.

### **About the Consultation**

Alberta's electricity sector has seen many significant changes in the last ten years, including deregulation and a growing demand for power due to rapid industrial development and population growth. The intent of the public consultation is to update Albertans on the framework's implementation and to provide an opportunity for interested Albertans to offer feedback that will inform CASA's review of the framework.

Albertans can participate in the review in a number of ways.

1. Public Meetings:  
Hanna  
Location: Hanna Community Centre  
503 - 4th Street West, Hanna, AB  
Date: January 27, 2009  
Time: 7 – 9:30 p.m.  
  
Keephills  
Location: Keephills Community Hall  
15A - 51515 Range Road 32A  
Duffield, AB  
Date: January 29, 2009  
Time: 7 - 9:30 p.m.
2. Read the discussion guide and complete the online survey at [www.electricair.ca](http://www.electricair.ca).
3. Call or email CASA at 780-427-9793 or [casa@casahome.org](mailto:casa@casahome.org) for more information or to request a copy of the discussion guide and survey. Mail or fax your completed survey to: Clean Air Strategic Alliance, 10th Floor, 10035-108 St. NW, Edmonton, AB T5J 3E1; fax: 780-422-3127.
4. Send CASA a written submission of not more than two pages.