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ONTARIO INVESTS IN THE SCIENCE OF CLEAN AIR AND CLIMATE CHANGE *Funding Supports Leading-Edge Made-In-Ontario Initiatives*

TORONTO — The McGuinty government is investing in a wide variety of initiatives and partnerships to provide a firm scientific foundation for actions to reduce air pollution and mitigate climate change, Environment Minister Laurel Broten announced today.

“All Ontarians want cleaner air and a better, safer environment for this generation and the next,” Broten said. “That is why we are helping a diverse range of Canadian organizations to boost Ontarians’ knowledge and understanding of the importance of air quality and the threat of climate change.”

Government funding of \$480,000 supports key programs that promote and advance scientific research, and education and outreach. These projects will help improve our understanding of the sources and impacts of air pollution and greenhouse gases, and explore ways to reduce emissions.

“Our government is committed to investing in organizations that strive to improve our environment and our health,” said Premier and Minister of Research and Innovation Dalton McGuinty. “Research and innovation are critical to creating new initiatives that will improve the quality of life for Ontario families.”

This initiative is one more way the McGuinty government is helping Ontario communities and protecting Ontarian’s health and the environment. Other initiatives include:

- A plan to include an annual average of five per cent ethanol in gasoline that takes effect January 1, 2007. Ontario’s 2007 target for ethanol will reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by about 800,000 tonnes, equivalent to removing 200,000 cars from the road.
- Signed contracts for 1,300 megawatts of wind power – enough power for 300,000 homes.
- Set a target to produce five per cent of our electricity from renewable sources by 2007 and ten per cent by 2010, putting us at the forefront in North America.

“Our government is committed to working with stakeholders to improve our environment, protect the health of Ontario families and increase our understanding of the science behind some of today’s most pressing issues,” said Broten.

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