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Release of the Northwest Territories Energy Report

YELLOWKNIFE (Thursday, May 19, 2011) – The Northwest Territories (NWT) Energy Report was released today by the Ministerial Energy Coordinating Committee (MECC). Highlights of the report include: opportunities to develop alternative energy sources, reducing the high cost of energy in the territory and an overview of GNWT energy projects and programs.

“Early in the mandate of the 16th Legislative Assembly, our government made an unprecedented \$60 million commitment to address energy issues in the NWT,” said Minister Bob McLeod, Chair of the MECC. “The NWT leads the country in the installation of commercial wood pellet boilers, we have invested millions of dollars in energy conservation and efficiency programs, and we continue our efforts to develop local sources of energy supply for communities.”

The NWT Energy Report includes current information regarding a number of initiatives outlined in the NWT Energy Plan (2007), the NWT Greenhouse Gas Strategy (2007), and the Energy Priorities Framework released by the MECC in 2008. Also included in the report is an environmental scan of energy resources, development, and use in the NWT, as well as details on GNWT investment in energy programs and initiatives.

MECC is comprised of Minister Bob McLeod in his role as Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, Premier Floyd Roland, as Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation, Minister Michael Miltenberger in his role as Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, and Minister Michael McLeod, Minister of Public Works and Services.

By reducing imported fossil fuels and mitigating the environmental impacts of energy use, the GNWT is taking action to maintain an environment that will sustain present and future generations, a key goal of the 16th Assembly.

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