

Canada joins U.S. EPA program

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Canada Thursday became the 16th nation to join the U.S. EPA's Methane to Markets Partnership to reduce emissions of the greenhouse gas methane.

The program is described as an U.S. Environmental Protection Agency international initiative designed to promote the recovery and use of methane, prevent greenhouse gas emissions, and provide sources of clean energy to communities, businesses and industry.

"By participating in this exciting international initiative, Canada will have the opportunity to promote and market Canadian expertise in the area of methane-emissions-reducing technologies, particularly in the oil and gas sector," Canadian Minister of the Environment Stephane Dion added.

The Methane to Markets Partnership targets three major sources of methane -- landfills, underground coal mines, and natural gas and oil systems.

In addition to Canada, countries participating in the program are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Colombia, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, South Korea, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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