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[**Introduction of Interim EE Requirements Deemed *Unnecessary* by the Government of Alberta**](#)

The Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance's (CEEA) request for the Government of Alberta to introduce interim energy efficiency requirements for builders prior to the introduction of the new National Building Code in 2014, has been deemed *unnecessary* by the Alberta Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hector Goudreau.

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[**Hybrid Idle Reduction System \(HIRS™\) Launched at Green Fleet Expo VI**](#)

[Fleet Challenge Ontario \(FCO\)](#), a program of the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance (CEEA), launched its **Hybrid Idle Reduction System (HIRS™)** at the [Green Fleet Expo VI](#), in Hamilton, on June 2nd, 2011.

The **HIRS™** technology is an innovative green technological solution that, when applied to police and EMS fleets, reduces engine idling, fuel consumption and vehicle emissions while at the same time maintaining all onboard systems and cab climate control in vehicles.

The launch was attended by the Assistant Deputy Minister, Peggy Mooney, and representatives of the Ministry of Finance and BPS Supply Chain Secretariat. The launch celebrated the forthcoming commercialization of the technology, which is expected to be released into the marketplace in January 2012.

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CEEA Loses a Great Friend...OHBA's David Horton

A Note from Ken Elsey, CEEA President and CEO

David Horton was one of the best friends CEEA ever had--our partnership in EnerQuality Corporation proved it. He understood the issues and always did what was right for his members ... and there were times when we didn't exactly meet eye to eye ... but never have I met such an honest and trustworthy individual. He was truly a man of his word. He will be missed.

The OHBA will be celebrating the life of David Horton on June 22nd at the Westin Prince Hotel in North York from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, click [here](#). To read the recent Toronto Star article about David Horton's life, click [here](#).

More Work Needed if Ontario to Meet Climate Change Responsibilities

The Ontario government will not, with its current programs, meet its targets for reducing greenhouse gases (GHGs). This is one conclusion from the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's 2011 Greenhouse Gas Progress Report, released May 31, 2011.

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Plug-in Electric Vehicles: Changing Perceptions, Hedging Bets

Accenture survey, conducted among over 7,000 people in 13 countries, reveals consumers' motivations in the context of the move towards electric vehicles.

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Government of Canada Announces ENERGY

STAR® Winners

The Government of Canada recently announced it's ENERGY STAR Winners.

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Vancouver Considers Low-Interest Loans for Home Retrofits

A new kind of loan program is waiting for approval from Vancouver city council. If approved, the program will be a partnership between the city and Vancity credit union and will offer loans to owners of single-family homes who want to undertake home energy efficiency upgrades.

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If Utilities Don't Step Up Their Customer Communications, They Risk Their Considerable Smart Grid Investments

A new report from Oracle, which surveyed 150 North American C-level utility executives about their vision and priorities for smart grids over the next ten years, finds that while 71% of utilities say securing customer buy-in is key to successful smart grid roll-outs, only 43% say they are educating their customers on the value proposition of smart grids.

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Careers

Bookkeeper, 5 hours/week

The Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance (CEEA) is looking for a part-time Bookkeeper to ensure that the financial records and reporting of the CEEA are accurate, complete and current.

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Industry Events

EnerQuality and Union Gas are Proud to Present: 2012 Ontario Building Code Workshop

June 10, 2011 | Kitchener/Waterloo, Ontario

The 2012 Ontario Building Code will require that all new houses reach EnerGuide 80 levels of energy efficiency. Where the old Code had one way to comply with energy efficiency requirements, the new Code has 37 compliance packages. This workshop will ensure your team is ready to meet the new energy efficiency requirements of the 2012 OBC without missing a step.

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2011 Canadian Water Summit

June 14, 2011 | Toronto, Ontario

The 2011 Canadian Water Summit will explore Canadian water issues and focus on practical solutions to common challenges in the areas of business strategy, technology innovation and green communities.

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IDEA/CDEA - District Energy/CHP 2011 - "Essential Infrastructure for Energy-Efficient Communities"

June 26 to 29, 2011 | Toronto, Ontario

The 2011 Conference will feature industry expert panel discussions and presentations on technologies and innovations by the industry leaders that are making things happen. Reflecting the growth of the industry in Canada, there will be enhanced programming on utility master planning, policy and development strategies and effective private/public partnerships to launch new systems.

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We would like to highlight energy efficiency news from our member organizations. Member energy efficiency efforts will be posted in our CEEA e-news and on our website--under our News section. Please send [Cathy Lepiane](#) your press releases/energy efficiency information for posting.