Swan Hills Treatment Centre

Quick Facts

- The Swan Hills Treatment Centre is the only licensed full spectrum PCB treatment and disposal facility in Canada. PCBs were originally mandated for destruction by the federal government in the mid 1990s. Impending regulations will now see all high level PCBs scheduled for disposal by 2009 and low level PCB concentration by 2025. The Centre plays an integral part in the treatment and disposal of Canada's PCBs.

- The Centre is the only incineration facility in Canada currently permitted to dispose of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS). A purpose designed system has been installed to facilitate the incineration of ODS in a safe and secure manner.

- Because of the Centre's unique operating license and approval, (i.e. licensed to United States EPA – Toxic Substance Control Act guidelines or 99.9999 per cent removal and destruction efficiencies) it is the only facility in North America licensed to treat and destroy certain dioxin and furan contaminated materials. The Swan Hills Treatment Centre is an important North American source of treatment and disposal of these particularly toxic and environmentally harmful substances.

- The Centre assumes complete liability (backed by the Alberta Government) once waste is accepted at the plant.

- The Swan Hills Treatment Centre has one of the best facilities in North America for Safety, Health and Environmental programs. The facility has an excellent safety record. Recently the Centre exceeded 1.3 million man hours without a lost time accident. Employee personal safety and health are a top priority at the plant. The Centre also has an environmental compliance and monitoring program that is second to none anywhere in the world.

- Earth Tech (Canada) has a 10 year contract with the Government of Alberta to operate the Swan Hills Treatment Centre.

- Since its inception in 1987 the Swan Hills Treatment Centre has treated over 310,000 metric tonnes of hazardous wastes and over 2,000 different waste profiles.

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