

The Natural Gas Steering Committee

On April 7, 2011 the government announced its comprehensive natural gas development plan, which included the appointment of a Natural Gas Steering Committee to oversee the project.

The committee is comprised of Environment Minister Margaret-Ann Blaney; Natural Resources Minister Bruce Northrup; and Energy Minister Craig Leonard, the deputy ministers of each department, as well as the deputy minister of the Executive Council Office.

Also formed at that time was a Natural Gas Group with a number of staff primarily from departments involved with the file, mandated with the activities and deliverables of the following components of an 'Action Plan Framework' as follows. (the Action Plan Framework is attached)

- 1) Engagement Plan with First Nations, citizens, industry, and stakeholders
- 2) Environmental, Health and Safety Protection Plan
- 3) Economic Benefits Plan
- 4) Resource Development Plan
- 5) Community Development Approach
- 6) Regulatory Framework

Development of all components of this framework is underway, and the public will be advised regularly of achievements in the months ahead.