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carbon neutral corner

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2015 CNG SYMPOSIUM A SUCCESS!

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the annual CNG Symposium in December. Marking the 5-year milestone of Carbon Neutral Government this dynamic, interactive event provided participants opportunities to identify tangible actions to reduce energy costs and address both climate change mitigation and adaptation. Keynote speakers highlighted how BC is taking leadership in the face of climate change and how climate change will impact our communities. We look forward to continuing the conversation on all the topics discussed at the event.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2015 REPORTING YEAR:

All public sector organizations will receive an email within the next two weeks containing the following:

1. Carbon Neutral Action Report instructions & template (or Small Emitters Form template for small emitters)
2. Self-certification checklist template
3. A link to the CNAR Survey form online (*Each organization will receive a unique URL link for their own survey)
4. A link to the 2015 guidance documents on the web for your reference.

Please email us if you have any questions about your requirements for the 2015 reporting year:

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UPDATE ON THE CLIMATE LEADERSHIP PLAN

The next phase of public engagement for the development of BC's Climate Leadership Plan began on January 25, 2016 and will run for 60 days. If you are interested in contributing input, please visit the following website: <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/climateleadership/>

For more information please see the news release [here](#).

CARBON NEUTRAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP IN BC

Shining the spotlight on BC's leadership [the Leading by Example: The First Five Years of Carbon Neutral Government in British Columbia](#) report showcases the outcomes of BC's leadership and enabling Carbon Neutral Government legislation.

The [Economic Analysis of British Columbia's Carbon Offset Projects](#) report outlines the environmental and economic benefits resulting from investments in greenhouse gas emission reduction (offset) projects throughout the province. Please see the [news release](#) for more information.

Did you know? The Climate Action Secretariat produces an annual Carbon Neutral Offset Portfolio report. This report, along with a list of previous year's offsets projects can be found here: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/reports-data/carbon-neutral-action-reports/carbon-offset-projects>

2015 REPORTING YEAR DEADLINES

APRIL 29 2016: All 2015 data loaded into SMARTTool

MAY 16 2016: Self-certification checklist submitted

**May 31 2016: Carbon Neutral Action Report & survey form submitted,
final offset payment due**

June 30 2016: Declare carbon neutrality

