

UNIFOR ONTARIO REGIONAL COUNCIL

REVISED RECOMMENDATION #6

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National Energy and Environmental Strategy

6. I recommend that Unifor's Ontario Council express its support for the concept of a national energy and environmental strategy for Canada, including the following principles:
- a. Binding and ambitious targets to reduce Canada's greenhouse gas emissions;
 - b. Future expansion of bitumen production needs to be managed in line with those greenhouse gas caps;
 - c. Systematic efforts to ensure more Canadian content and Canadian value-added at all stages of the energy supply chain, including machinery, services, extraction, upgrading, processing, and manufacturing;
 - d. Prohibitions on the export of raw bitumen, and requirements for upgrading and processing of petroleum in Canada;
 - e. Efforts to match Canadian energy production with Canadian needs, and reduce imports of oil;
 - f. Completion of a Canada-wide energy grid (including pipelines and electricity transmission) to improve Canadian energy security and independence;
 - g. An ambitious green energy investment plan, including investment in alternative and renewable energy sources, energy conservation, and urban transit;
 - h. Support for the National Executive Board's call for a national moratorium on unconventional fracking until safety, environmental, and First Nations concerns are addressed.

The Ontario Council will participate fully with Unifor's other bodies (including our new Energy Council) to develop this national energy and environmental strategy, and present it to the meeting of Premiers next year.