

1     Q.     The SGE Acres Limited report, p. 5-2 references a discussion paper issued  
2           by Environment Canada presenting a target to achieve a Canadian standard  
3           for sulphur in fuel oils of 1.0 percent. Since this report was prepared in  
4           February 2004, what further action has been taken by Environment Canada  
5           with regard to the establishment of a Canadian standard?

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8     A.     Environment Canada released a discussion paper "Setting Canadian  
9           Standards for Sulphur in Heavy and Light Fuel Oils" in February 2003.

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11           A workshop, "Reducing Sulphur in Heavy and Light Fuel Oils" was held in  
12           May 2003.

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14           Environment Canada then invited stakeholder comments in August 2003.

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16           In November 2003, Environment Canada released its review of the  
17           stakeholder comments and noted that review and analysis of more up-to-  
18           date emissions inventory data was required and the results of this analysis  
19           would be released several months later.

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21           A recent check with Environment Canada confirmed that, to the present time,  
22           no further action has been taken by the Federal Government in the area of  
23           reducing sulphur in heavy fuel oil.