



Ottawa event to discuss legislation would that make renewable energy a provincial priority

Frustration is growing in parts of rural Ontario where farmers, municipalities, First Nations, and local owners of green energy projects are unable to fully contribute to the future of Ontario's green electricity.

A Green Energy Act that would empower all Ontario residents to become power generators is being proposed by an alliance of agricultural, labour, industrial and environmental organizations.

A public meeting is being held in Prince Edward County to explain the proposed legislation, which in Europe has proven to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, eliminate smog and create thousands of good jobs. For more information on the Green Energy Act, visit http://www.greenenergyact.ca.

WHAT:

A public meeting to discuss A Green Energy Act for Ontario

WHO:

The AgriEnergy Producers' Association of Ontario The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association, member of the Green Energy Act Alliance

WHEN:

Saturday, February 7, 2009 2:00 pm -5:00 pm

WHERE:

RA Centre 2451 Riverside Dr. Ottawa, ON K1H 7X7

Free Admission

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OSEA works to initiate, facilitate and support the work of local sustainable energy organizations through membership services, province wide capacity building and non-partisan policy work. They work to catalyze the efforts of community organizers and raise awareness of the benefits of community power and renewable energy through various communication channels and by offering a variety of workshops and guidebooks on topics.

AgriEnergy Producers' Association of Ontario's (APAO) mandate is to facilitate the transition to a sustainable energy economy in Ontario through the development and support of community-based sustainable energy initiatives.

