



Media Advisory

**Environmental Commissioner of Ontario to release
2011/12 Annual Report, Part I**

The Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, Gord Miller will release his 2011/12 Annual Report, (Part I), *Losing Touch*, at a media conference in the Queen's Park Media Studio at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 19th, 2012.

The report will be available online at www.eco.on.ca, coincident with the media conference.

Accredited media may obtain a print copy of *Losing Touch* at the media conference or at the Legislative Press Gallery, in Room 387A of the Ontario Legislature Building.

This year, the ECO's Annual Report is divided into two parts. Part I focuses on the compliance of prescribed ministries with the procedural requirements of the *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993 (EBR)*. The ECO has observed a marked change in the behaviour of some ministries with respect to respecting the rights of the citizens of Ontario under the Act, so has decided to focus more attention on the situation.

Part II of the Annual Report, including substantive reviews of ministry decisions, ministry responses to applications for review and investigation, and other environmental issues, will be released in a few weeks.

A live webcast of the conference will be broadcasted via www.eco.on.ca starting at 9:00 a.m. on September 19th. Please note that an up-to-date version Windows Media Player is required to view the webcast. The Environmental Commissioner will not take questions via webcast, but will be available for individual interviews after the media conference. Bilingual support will also be available at the event. For more details, please visit www.eco.on.ca

Media not currently accredited by the QP (Legislative Assembly) Media Gallery must register with the Press Gallery Coordinator Gerald Christopher - Room 387A or 416-325-7922.

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The Environmental Commissioner of Ontario is appointed by the Legislative Assembly to be the province's independent environmental watchdog, and report publicly on the government's environmental decision-making.

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