

# **Newfoundland incinerator closure update**

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An incinerator that served 2,600 residents in Newfoundland and Labrador (N.L.) has shut its doors.

The Winterton incinerator, which burned approximately 1,800 tonnes of waste per year, is the latest in a string of incinerator decommissionings across the province.

Since January 2004, a Canada-wide Standard for Dioxins and Furans from Conical Waste Incinerators has committed to phasing out the facilities.

For some municipalities who said they could not reach the December 31, 2008 deadline, the government extended the date to June 2009.

So far, the province has shut down 29 of its incinerators with 23 left to close.

"Every time an incinerator closes, it advances the strategy on the Greater Avalon," said Ken Kelly, chair of the Greater Avalon Waste Management Committee.

As part of the Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy, N.L. has reduced open burning on the Greater Avalon. The strategy calls for full-service regional waste management facilities in Avalon and Central and Western N.L.

The Department of Municipal Affairs provided \$70,000 to shut down the Winterton incinerator.