

Environmental Goals and Sustainability Act-Progress as assessed by Ecology Action
Centre (2010)

Goal	Year	Dept	Progress
4(1)(a) demonstrate international leadership by having one of the cleanest and most sustainable environments in the world by the year 2020	2020	DEL	On Track (see full version for comments as hard to measure progress on such overarching goal)
b) provide certainty to all sectors of the economy through the Government's economic development strategy entitled Opportunities for Sustainable Prosperity and establish clear environmental goals while improving the Province's economic performance to a level that is equal to or above the Canadian average by the year 2020	2020	Dept of Econ Dev.	Behind (see full version for comments as hard to measure progress on such overarching goal)
a) twelve per cent of the total land mass of the Province will be legally protected by the year 2015	2015	DEL/ DNR	On Track
b) the Province will adopt emissions standards for greenhouse gases and air pollutants from new motor vehicles, such as the standards adopted by the State of California by the year 2010	2010	SNSM R/ DEL/ DOE/ Conserve NS	Behind
c) emissions of nitrogen oxides will be reduced by twenty per cent by the year 2009 relative to emissions in the year 2000	2009	DEL	On Track
d) sulphur dioxide emissions will be reduced by fifty per cent by the year 2010 from sources existing in 2001	2010	DEL	Not Enough Information to Assess
e) greenhouse gas emissions will be at least ten per cent below the levels that were emitted in the year 1990 by the year 2020, as outlined in the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers Climate Change Action Plan of 2001	2020	DOE	On Track
f) mercury emissions will be reduced by seventy per cent by the year 2010 relative to pre-2001 levels	2010	DEL	Behind
g) eighteen and one-half per cent of the total electricity needs of the Province will be obtained from renewable energy sources by the year 2013	2013	DOE	Ahead (with caution)
h) the Province will meet the Canada Wide Standard established by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment for airborne fine-particulate matter by the year 2010	2010	DEL	On Track/Not Enough Information to Assess
i) the Province will meet the Canada Wide Standard established by the Canadian Council of Ministers of	2010	DEL	On Track/Not Enough Information to Assess

the Environment for ground-level ozone by the year 2010			
j) municipal public drinking-water supplies will meet the Province's treatment standards by the year 2008	2008	SNSM R/ DEL	Behind
k) a comprehensive water-resource management strategy will be developed by the year 2010	2010	DEL	On Track
l) wastewater treatment facility discharges will be provided at least primary treatment by the year 2017	2017	DEL	On Track
m) regulatory tools that use the framework within the Environment Act to stimulate redevelopment of contaminated land and contribute to economic development while protecting the environment will be developed by the year 2010	2010	DEL	On Track
n) a policy of preventing net loss of wetlands will be established by the year 2009	2009	DEL/ DNR	Behind
o) the solid-waste disposal rate will be no greater than three hundred kilograms per person per year by the year 2015 through measures that include the development of new programs and product stewardship regulations	2015	DEL/ SNSM R	Behind/Not Enough Information to Assess
p) septage treatment facilities will be operated in accordance with the Guidelines for the Handling, Treatment and Disposal of Septage by the year 2011	2011	DEL	On Track/Not Enough Expertise to Assess
q) a sustainable procurement policy for the Province will be developed and adopted by the year 2009	2009	Dept of Economic Development/ DEL	On Track
r) all new residential dwelling units constructed in the Province that are within the scope of Part 9 of the National Building Code of Canada will be required to display an EnerGuide rating by the year 2008	2008	DEL/ Conserve NS	Dropped
s) all new residential dwelling units constructed in the Province will be required to achieve an EnerGuide rating of 80, or meet energy conservation measures adopted in the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations made under the Building Code Act after January 1, 2011	2011	DEL/ Conserve NS	Ahead

t) a government facility will be constructed as a demonstration facility in accordance with a leading standard for building energy efficiency and sustainability, such as the Leadership in Energy Efficiency and Environmental Design standard by the year 2015	2015	DTPW / DEL	Ahead
u) the Province will adopt strategies to ensure the sustainability of the Province's natural capital in the areas of forestry, mining, parks and biodiversity by the year 2010	2010	DNR/ Vol Planni ng	On Track