

# Canada's Environmental Progress and Challenges in 2024-2025: Key Developments

Environment Canada · Answer Key · 15 Questions

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**1. What percentage reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions compared to 2005-2006 levels did Canada report for the 2023-2024 fiscal year?**

- A) 30.5%
- B) 35.2%
- C) 42.0%**
- D) 47.1%

**2. Which act introduced a new fast-track framework for projects designated to be in the national interest in Canada's 2025 environmental regulatory landscape?**

- A) The Environmental Protection Act
- B) The National Interest Projects Act
- C) The Building Canada Act**
- D) The Infrastructure Acceleration Act

**3. According to the 2025 National Inventory Report, Canada's greenhouse gas emissions have dropped to their lowest level in how many years (excluding pandemic years)?**

- A) 15 years
- B) 27 years**
- C) 35 years
- D) 40 years

**4. In 2024, for the first time in Canadian history, insured damage caused by severe weather events surpassed what amount?**

- A) \$5 billion
- B) \$6.5 billion
- C) \$8 billion**
- D) \$10 billion

**5. Canada's Zero-Emission Vehicles (ZEV) Sales Mandate requires all sales of new passenger cars and light trucks to be ZEVs by which year?**

- A) 2030
- B) 2035**
- C) 2040
- D) 2045

**6. Which of the following sectors has seen a significant fall in emissions in Canada between 2005 and 2024?**

- A) Oil and gas
- B) Transport
- C) Electricity**
- D) Industry

**7. What is Canada's legislated target for net-zero emissions by which year?**

- A) 2035
- B) 2040
- C) 2050**
- D) 2055

**8. The Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act requires Canada to establish national emissions reduction targets how many years in advance?**

- A) 5 years
- B) 7 years
- C) 10 years**
- D) 15 years

**9. As of the end of 2024, what percentage of Canada's marine territory had been conserved?**

- A) 10.5%
- B) 12.8%
- C) 15.5%**
- D) 18.2%

**10. Which of the following is a key area of action recommended by the Net-Zero Advisory Body to help Canada achieve its 2030 emissions target?**

- A) Increasing fossil fuel subsidies
- B) Strengthening industrial carbon pricing**
- C) Reducing investment in renewable energy
- D) Abandoning methane regulations

**11. What percentage reduction below 2005 levels is Canada's updated target for greenhouse gas emissions by 2035?**

- A) 40-45%
- B) 45-50%**
- C) 50-55%
- D) 55-60%

**12. In 2024-2025, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) will continue to lead the Government of Canada's agenda to achieve what goal related to plastics?**

- A) Increase plastic production
- B) Ban all single-use plastics
- C) Achieve zero plastic waste**
- D) Recycle only 50% of plastics

**13. According to a February 2026 report, the federal government's operations have reduced carbon pollution by what percentage below 2005 levels?**

- A) 35.5%
- B) 40.0%
- C) 42.5%**
- D) 45.0%

**14. In 2024, for the first time in Canadian history, insured damage caused by severe weather events surpassed which amount?**

- A) \$4 billion
- B) \$6 billion
- C) \$8 billion**
- D) \$10 billion

**15. Which of the following substances has Canada formally designated as 'toxic' under CEPA, with phased-in use prohibitions?**

- A) Asbestos
- B) Lead
- C) Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)**
- D) Mercury