

# Integrated Tidal Current Demonstration Project at Race Rocks, British Columbia, Canada

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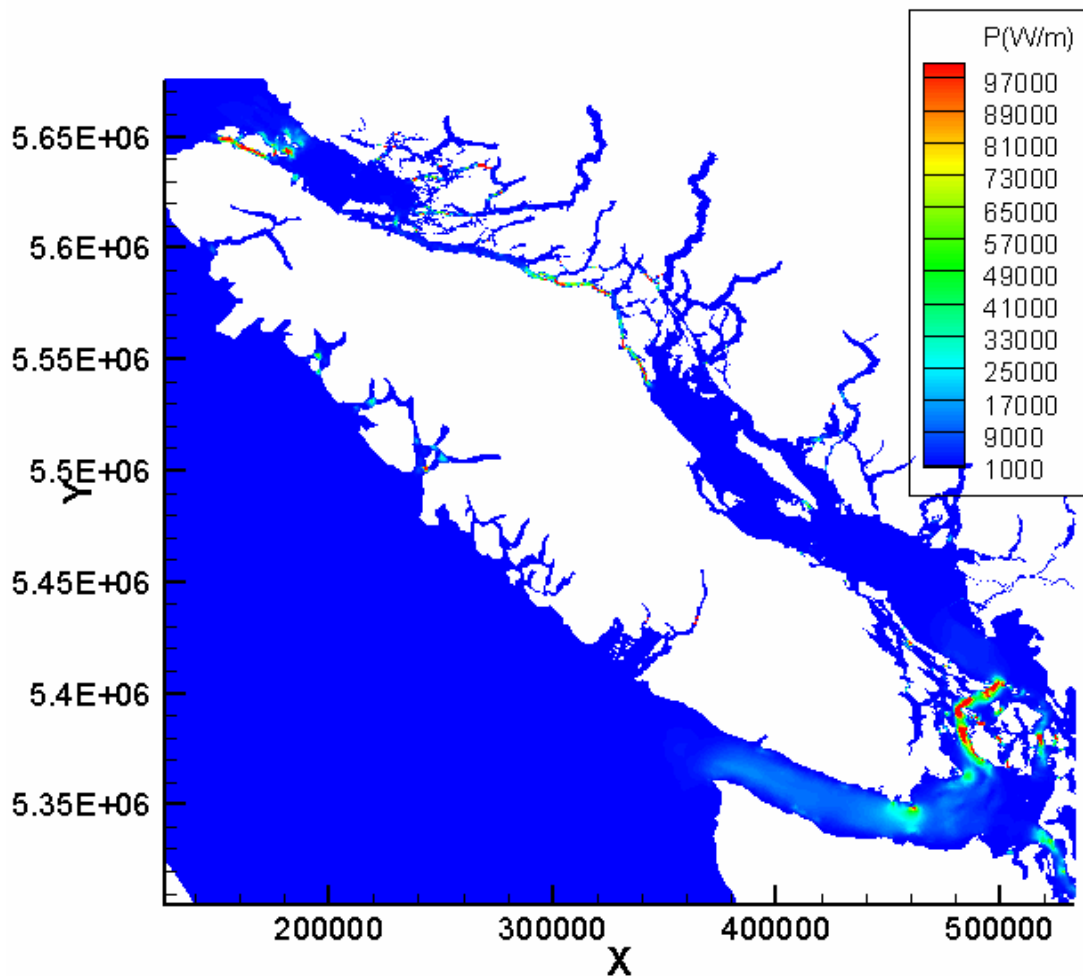
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# Location of the Project



# Tidal Stream Power Density Near the Project Site

Site Ref: *CHC/Triton-TR-2006*



## Host of the Project

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- ✚ Lester B Pearson College ( [www.pearsoncollege.ca](http://www.pearsoncollege.ca) )
- ✚ One of the United World Colleges
- ✚ Offers International Baccalaureate Program in Language, Sciences, Mathematics and Fine Art
- ✚ 200 Students from 88 Countries with Full Scholarships

## Race Rocks Island, BC, Canada

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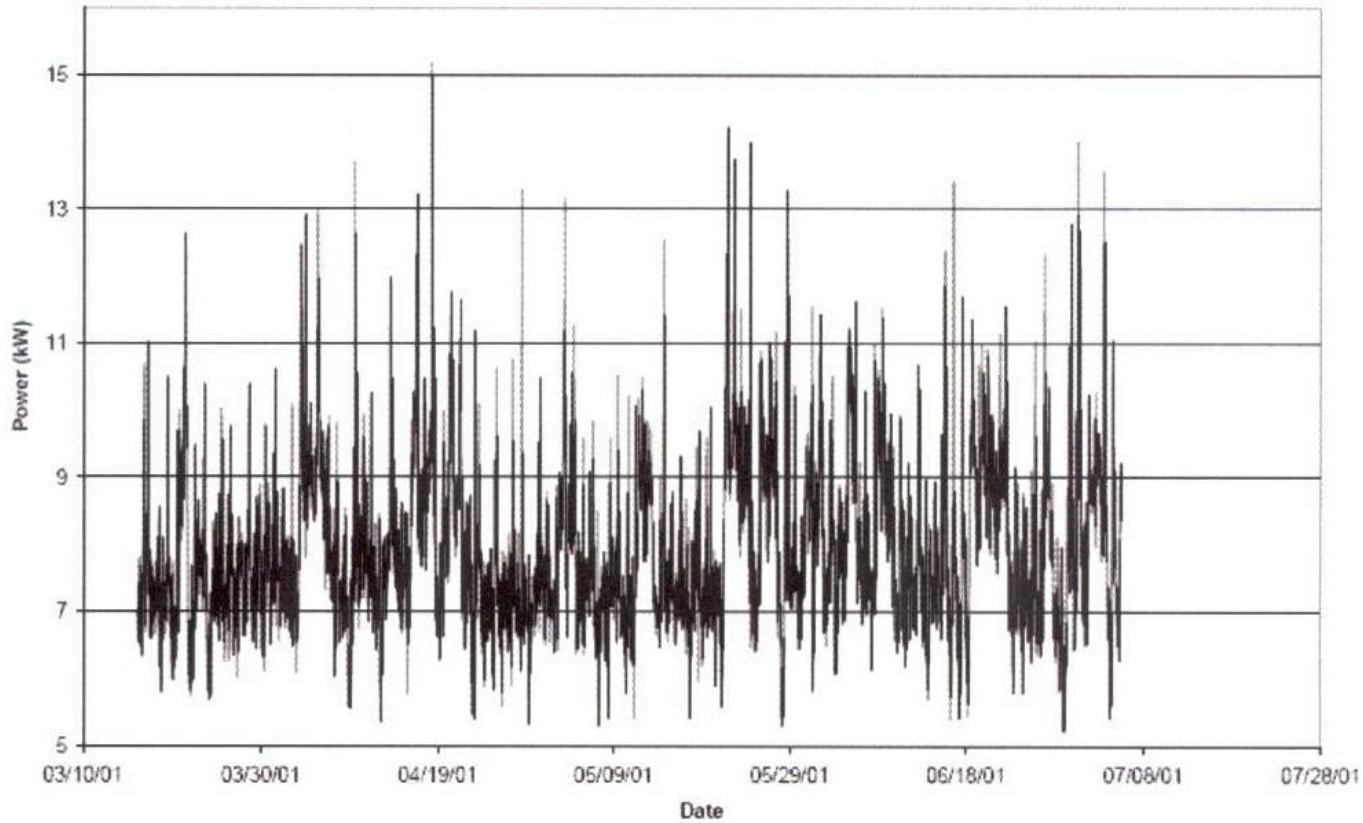


A Marine  
Protected and  
Ecological  
Reserve Area

Pearson College  
took over the  
operation of  
Race Rocks in  
1997



# Hourly Load Profiles for Race Rocks Island



Electrical Annual Load – 70,000 kWh

## Present Diesel Generating Units in the Island



- 15 and 25 kW Generators
- Diesel fuel supplied to the island 2-3 times a year
- Diesel generator noise is an on-going concern
- Fuel storage-double hulled 9,000 litre tanks

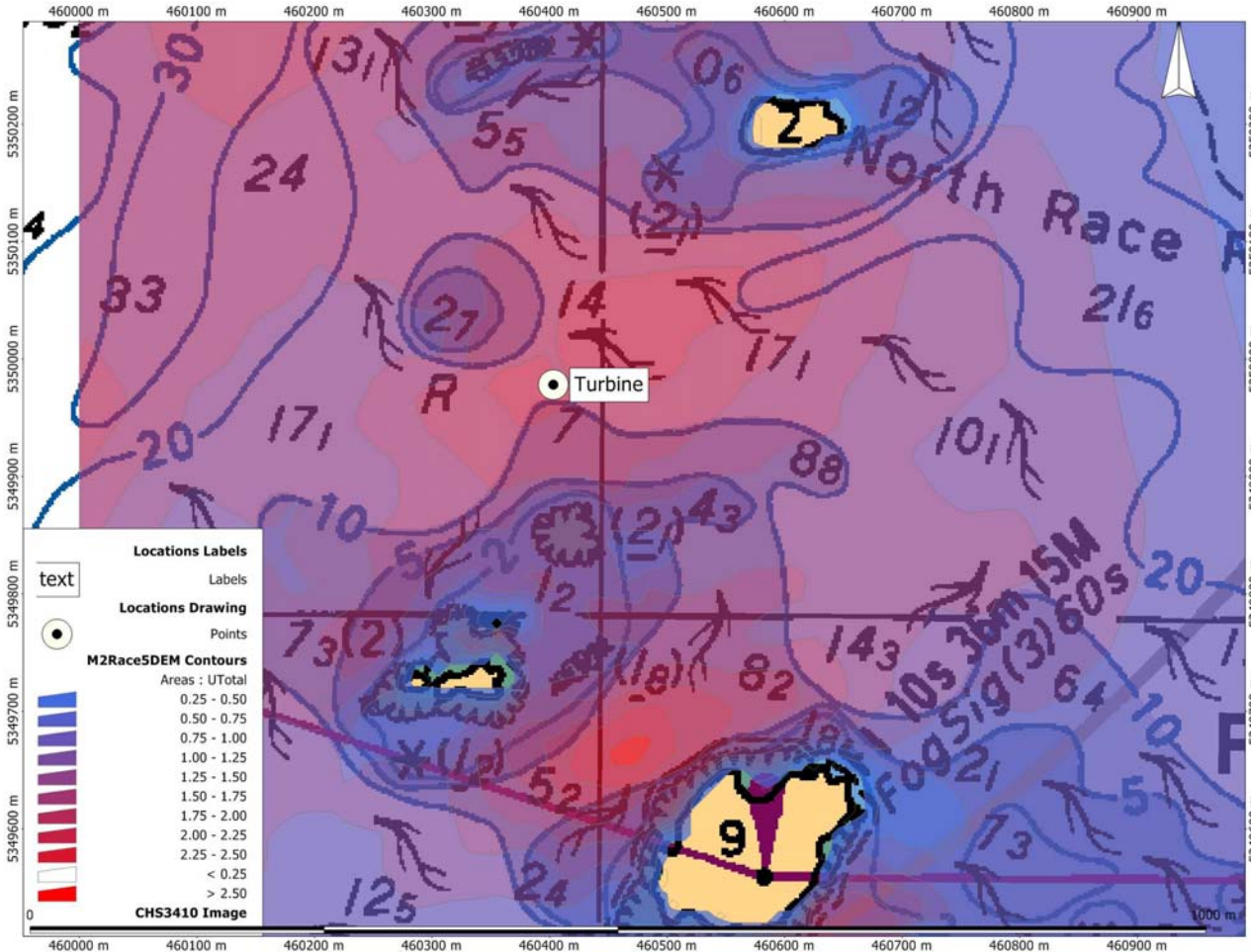
## Objectives of the Integrated Project

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- ✚ to demonstrate reliability of the Clean Current's tidal current turbine generator technology
- ✚ to provide electricity to the island and to replace existing diesel generators, thus reducing green house gas emission
- ✚ to demonstrate reliability of power supply through battery storage and power conditioning capability
- ✚ to study behaviour of sea mammals and fish in relation to operation of the tidal turbine
- ✚ to demonstrate integration of the tidal current project with other renewable, such as, PV
- ✚ to demonstrate maintenance process for tidal current generator
- ✚ to contribute to the educational experience of Pearson College students



# Modelled Current Velocities in the Vicinity of the Turbine Site

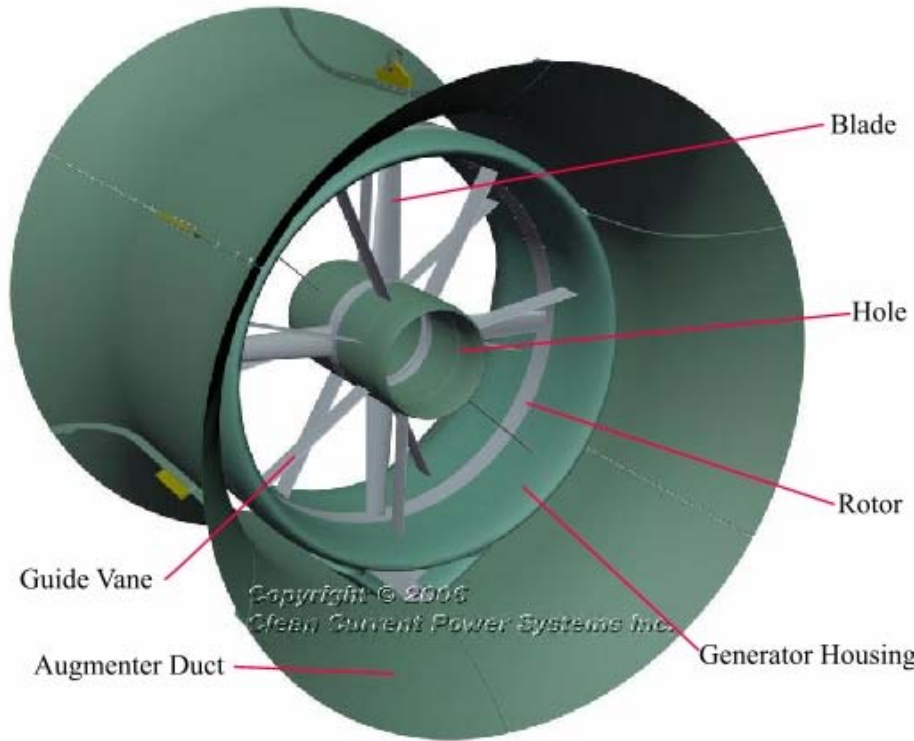


Water depth:  
19 m to 22 m

Max Current speed at  
the Turbine Level:  
3 m/s



## Tidal Current Turbine Generator Technology



**Bi-directional ducted horizontal axis turbine with a direct drive variable speed permanent magnet generator**

# Final Assembly of the CCPS Tidal Turbine Generator for the Race Rocks



- 1:5 Scale Model
- 65 KW Generator
- 3.5 m Blade Diameter

## Drilling & Post Installation at the Site

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Piling is drilled and grouted approx  
10.8 m into the bedrock



# Submarine Cable Route from the Generator to the Island



Length of submarine cable: 600 m

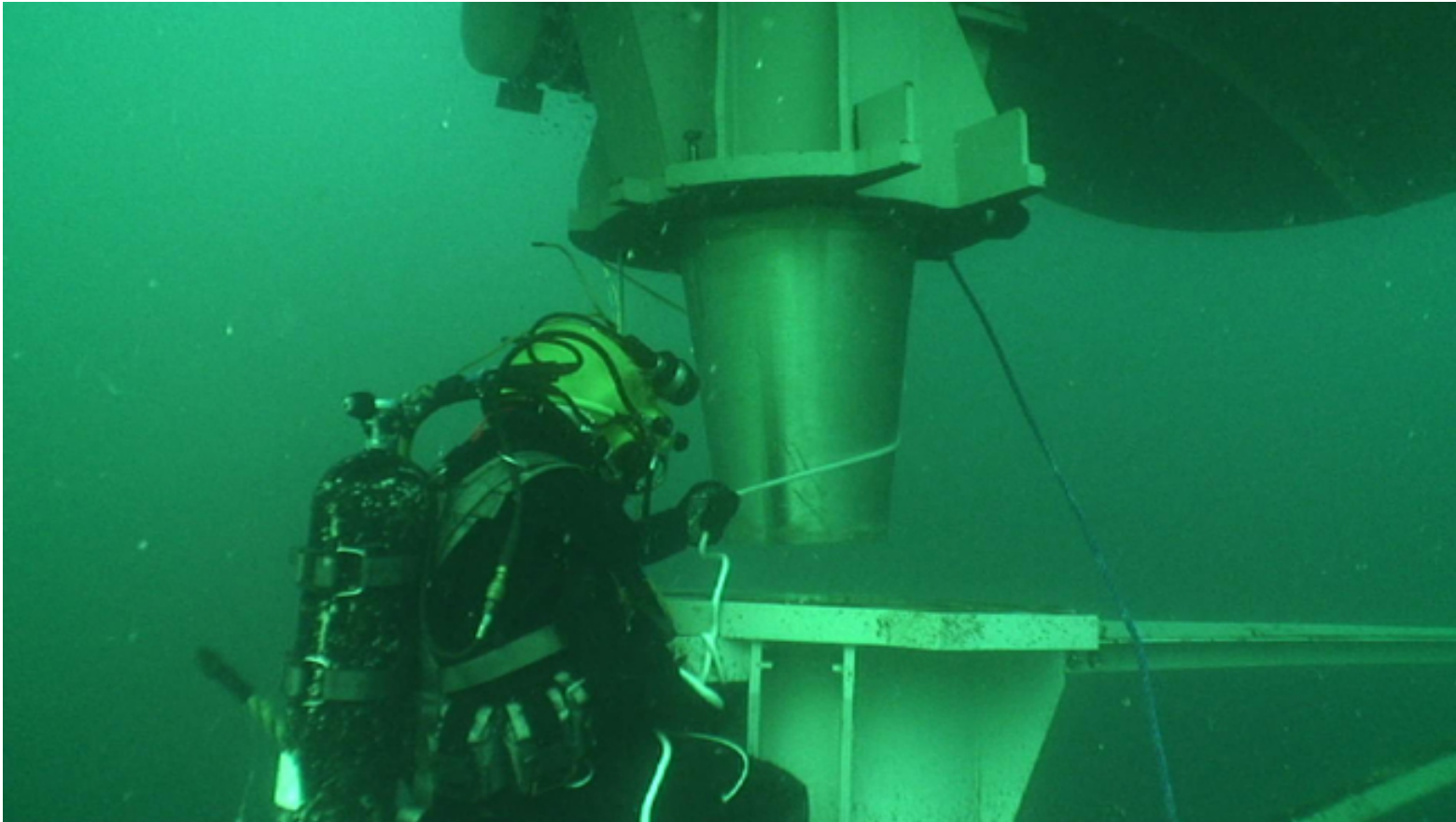
Type of Submarine Cable: single conductor, 3/0 str. Copper, 15 KV aluminum wire armoured submarine cable



## Deployment of the Generator at the Site

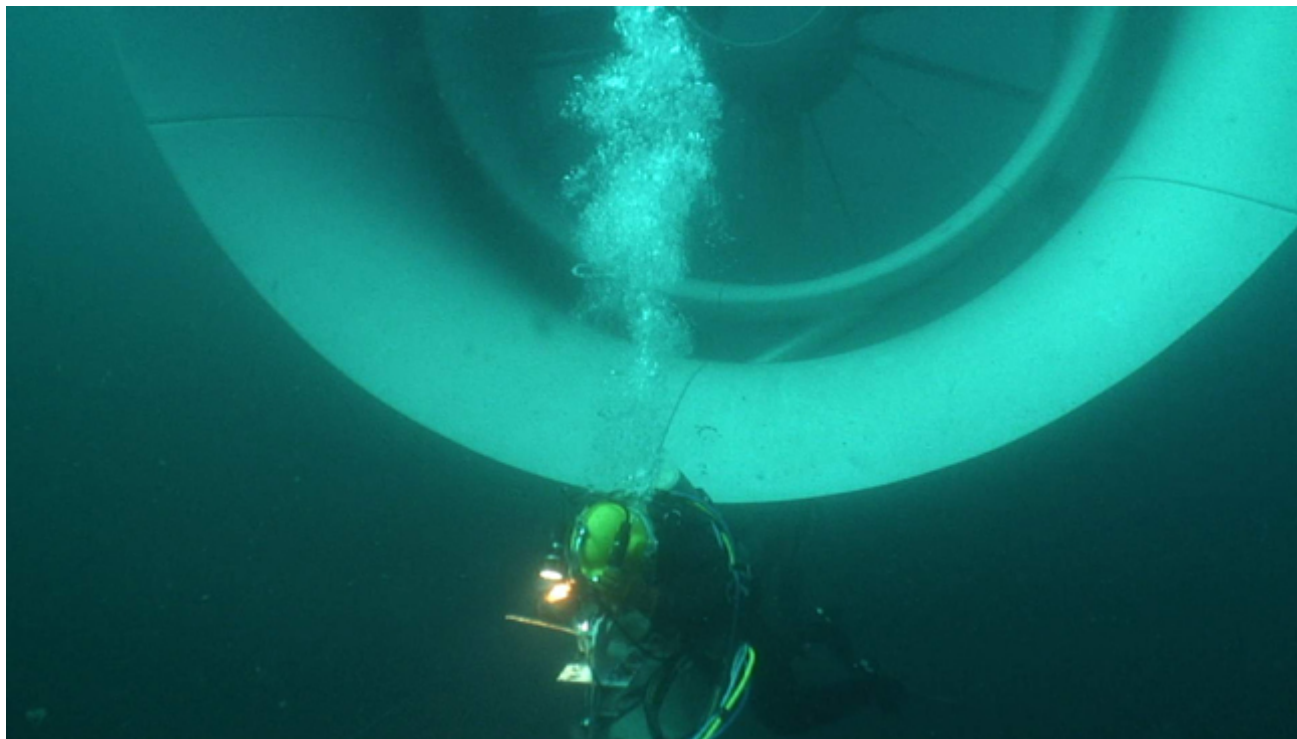


## Installation of the Generator on the Support Post



# Completion of the Installation of the Turbine Under Water

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Minimum  
Clearance of 5 m  
as per the Coast  
Guard  
Requirement

# Xantrex Power Converter for the Generator



- A rack of 12 X 6 kW Power Converters
- 200-500 VAC, 0-100 Hz to 0-60 VDC
- To Rectify and Control up to 65 kW
- Regulates the Battery Charge Current and Voltage



## Xantrex 3 Hybrid Generator Inverter Units



Rated at 42 – 60 VDC input

Provides 15 kW of well regulated uninterrupted power to the Island



# Battery Storage



Lead Acid Battery

Total Storage  
Capacity: 420  
kWh

## Integration of the Carmanah PV to the System



6.5 kW

Sharp NE170U1  
170W ea

## Potential Use of Excess Energy from the Integrated Project

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- ✚ Determination of excess energy profile through a planned longer-term performance monitoring, including the energy management, of the Integrated Project
- ✚ Based on the results from the excess, carry out a feasibility assessment for producing hydrogen using the excess energy for providing fuel for the boat used by Pearson College for the Island.



## Environmental Impact & Monitoring

- ✦ Archipelago Marine Research Ltd/, Victoria, BC
- ✦ Report including Pre-construction monitoring (baseline), during the construction, and post construction, including Future monitoring recommendations, is complete
- ✦ All the relevant Environmental Impact Assessment and Monitoring reports are available at [www.raceroak.com](http://www.raceroak.com)

# Location for the Canadian EcoEnergy Policy Announcement ( Jan. 19, 2007)

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- Renewable production incentive of 1 cent per kWh





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