Department of Environment and Conservation

3.2.2 Contaminated Sites (2002 Annual Report, Part 2.8)

Introduction

In 2002, we performed a review of contaminated sites. The objective of the review was to determine whether contaminated sites were adequately controlled and managed. As a result of our review, we recommended that the Government establish a central inventory for contaminated sites which would facilitate the identification of future remediation costs. In its response, the Department indicated it supported the establishment of a registry and agreed that management of contaminated sites could be improved; however, this was a function of available resources.

Update

In October 2004, we contacted the Department of Environment and Conservation requesting an update as to the progress on the comments included in our 2002 report and whether or not any action has been taken to establish a central inventory for contaminated sites to facilitate the identification of future remediation costs.

The Department indicated that in 2003 it set up a registry and database for the management of environmental sites, including contaminated sites and remediated sites. The Department also indicated that the registry and database contains those sites that are managed by the Waste Management Section of the Pollution Prevention Division, as well as some data for some but not all sites managed by the Government Service Centres. Information on other sites will be put in the database once it becomes available.

3.2.3 Multi-Materials Stewardship Board (2002 Annual Report, Part 2.9)

Introduction

In 1996 Government established the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board (MMSB) to manage the Beverage Container Control Program and the Newfoundland and Labrador Waste Management Trust Fund. The Board's mandate was to support and promote the protection, enhancement and wise use of the environment through waste management programs.

Under the Beverage Container Control Program, which was established on 15 January 1997, the consumer pays a deposit on specified beverage containers. Upon returning a beverage container consumers receive a portion of the deposit.