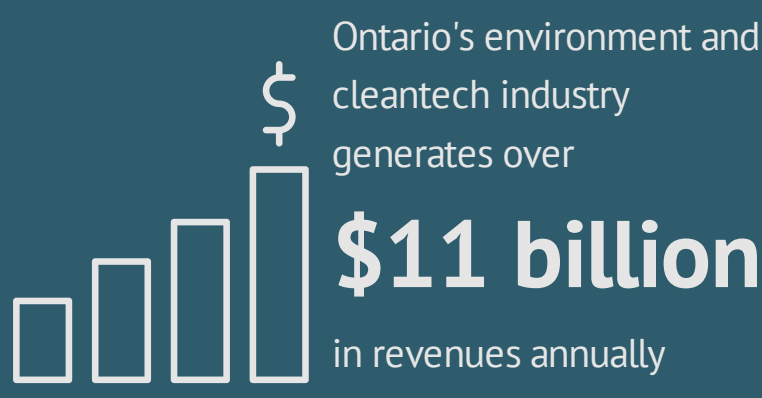


ONTARIO'S ENVIRONMENT & CLEANTECH INDUSTRY

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, DELIVERING JOBS AND GROWTH

Ontario is home to Canada's largest environment and cleantech business sector and includes **over 3,000 businesses**. These companies take science and turn it into solutions for our environmental problems. These entrepreneurs and the businesses they run purify our water, repurpose and recycle what we used to call "waste", reduce pollution and carbon emissions, remediate brownfields, build climate resilient infrastructure, provide environmental consulting and work in a range of other fields.



226,000 people employed in the environment and cleantech industry in Ontario with 9% growth projected in the next 10 years

2020 EcoCanada

ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR ONTARIO



\$4.5 billion

in exports of environmental and cleantech goods and services each year

2017 Statistics Canada

A STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE COVID RECOVERY

The growth potential of this sector is considerable as we grow our way out of a COVID-induced recession in the coming months and years. The sector creates local, higher-wage jobs that are difficult to outsource. These include a range of positions from environmental engineers and scientists to materials handlers, equipment operators and skilled tradespeople. If we get the equation right, this sector can generate considerable growth.



PROVIDING INNOVATIVE AND ESSENTIAL SOLUTIONS

The sector has been declared an essential service because our companies keep communities running and healthy. Many of these companies are working directly in the COVID fight, particularly the environmental laboratories, air purification technology companies and consulting firms that work with indoor air quality and wastewater testing.

HOW DO WE GET THERE?



Practical regulations, not red tape

Maintain necessary environmental regulations that protect the public and address regulation that unnecessarily holds back businesses from growth. We need a thoughtful approach to regulation that reduces the burden on businesses and respects public protection, science and practicality.



Climate resilient infrastructure showcasing innovation

Ontario will invest more than \$140-billion in the coming years to renew our infrastructure. This is an opportunity to implement new approaches that will make this infrastructure more climate friendly and more resilient to extreme weather. We can also introduce pilot programs that can give Ontario companies their first demonstration project that can lead to future clients.



Focus on local processing and reuse of "waste"

Ontario currently sends 3.5-million tonnes of "waste" on more than 100,000 truck trips per year to landfills in the US. If we can process a greater portion of that waste here, turning it into new products, energy (such as renewable natural gas and hydrogen) and other uses, we can create new jobs and wealth.

WHO IS ONEIA?

We serve as the voice for businesses that take science, apply it to environmental challenges and create solutions that generate good jobs, world-beating exports and a better environment.



Non-partisan



Science-based



Environmental solutions

Our members represent energy, brownfields remediation, waste management, water, manufacturing and service companies, and those that serve those companies including law firms, universities and investment capital firms.

