



A public service to vote for: **ELECTION 2015**

Bulletin #4

Vote For Public Science and Help Protect the Health and Safety of Canadians and our Environment!

Since 2007, the loss of government scientific expertise and programs due to budget cuts has seriously harmed our national response to urgent health, safety, environmental and climate-change concerns, as well as our international reputation as science leaders. By 2017, over \$2.6 billion and 7,500 positions will have been eliminated from the top 10 science-based departments and agencies. Departmental science libraries have been shuttered and their contents sometimes end up in dumpsters.

At the same time, federal government communications policies have made it more difficult for public service scientists to share their research and collaborate with their peers. They can't speak freely to the media and the public about their work. Facts are being denied instead of being talked about.

Canada needs to reinvest in public science and public scientists now!

On October 19th, vote to restore and strengthen Canada's health, safety, and environmental regulations. Vote to reinstate world-class government research programs and facilities and let our scientists do their jobs. Let them get back to performing science in the public interest!

If you have any questions about your political rights as a public service employee, speak to your PIPSC steward or **call the Institute's Help Desk at 1-800-267-0446.**

