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Environment Minister Prentice unveils proposal for strict new Canadian wastewater regulation at Filter Innovations' MBR manufacturing plant in Brockville, ON.

Brockville, ON - Canada's Environment Minister, Jim Prentice, today announced that draft municipal wastewater systems effluent regulations are now available for public consultation. Once in force, these regulations will set standards for the discharge from all wastewater facilities in Canada.

"Today we are taking action to protect our environment for future generations," said Minister Prentice, "It is not acceptable that we continue discharging untreated waste into our water ways."

Minister Prentice made the announcement while touring manufacturing plant of **Filter Innovations Inc.** in Brockville, Ontario. Filter Innovations is a Canadian company specializing in innovative treatment solutions for process water, wastewater, ground water, and air. As part of its product line, the company designs, manufactures, and supports a full line of **Membrane-Biological-Reactor (MBR) systems** for the treatment of municipal and industrial wastewater.



Environment Minister Jim Prentice with John Dragasevich, President of Filter Innovations

The company's MBR systems were the focal point of the tour by Minister Prentice.

"MBR technology is the future of wastewater treatment here in Canada, and around the world", said John Dragasevich, President of Filter Innovations. "Our MBR wastewater treatment systems already exceed these proposed new standards. In fact, these systems deliver ultraclean effluent, **virtually drinking-water quality**, protecting our environment and our watershed."

Filter Innovations is member of the Calco Environmental Group, a leader in providing practical solutions for the treatment of contaminated air, water, and soil. Robert Kulhawy, Chairman of Calco Environmental, was present at the announcement: "We are pleased to be able to work closely with the Canadian Government as a key partner in the advancement of a sustainable environment."

Other benefits of MBR technology include a small footprint, reliability, and low maintenance. MBR systems are robust enough to withstand variations in operation conditions due to fluctuating sludge concentration, sludge age and organic load. As a result, these systems are particularly well-suited to wastewater treatment plants with significant seasonal or daily variations in wastewater loading. Filter Innovations has delivered MBR systems into a variety of wastewater applications, including small

decentralized sub-divisions, remote work camps, hotels, resorts, and golf clubs. Systems range in size up to 1 million litres per day.

“The demand for MBR systems is accelerating across the country,” said John Dragasevich. “Customer’s recognize that traditional wastewater treatment has severe limitations. They don’t want to be caught off-side with current or future regulations”.

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About MLE Equipment (www.mleequipment.com):

Maple Leaf Environmental Equipment, a member of the Calco Environmental Group, designs, builds, commissions, and supports systems for soil remediation and industrial applications. The systems range from single well pumping systems to large combined soil vapor extraction/groundwater pump and treatment systems. Systems are highly customized with sophisticated control systems, designed specifically to provide innovative solutions for our customers’ unique requirements. MLEE also distributes a range of environmental products which includes pumps, sampling equipment, air strippers, and carbon filters. MLEE is the Canadian master distributor for QED, the leading manufacturer of groundwater sampling equipment in North America and pioneers of MicroPurge sampling. Key customers include leading environmental engineering consulting firms, and large environmental contracting firms. Sales and support in Canada and the United States are provided through an established network of highly respected business partners. MLEE is known in the industry for its professional, long term approach to the business, delivering quality solutions to support our business partners and customers success.

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