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THE OIL SANDS:

ECONOMIC SAVIOUR OR ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER?

The Alberta oil sands are being promoted by the oil sands industry and government officials as the solution to North American energy needs for the foreseeable future. The impacts of oil sands development have been downplayed in propaganda promoting the oil sands. In this lecture, I will discuss some of the impacts that have been ignored or misrepresented, such as water quality, fisheries, wetland reclamation, carbon sequestration, and treaties with aboriginal communities. I will describe events that have led to a recent Federal-Provincial agreement to improve water monitoring. As of October, 2012, no substantive Federal-Provincial monitoring program is in place.