

# Refinery to provide environmental statement

**ST. JOHN'S** Environment and Conservation Minister Clyde Jackman has ordered the Newfoundland and Labrador Refining Corporation to prepare an environmental impact statement for a new refinery near Come By Chance.

The proponent proposes to construct an oil refinery at Southern Head, between North Harbour and Come by Chance, at the head of Placentia Bay.

The refinery is proposed to have an initial production capacity of 300,000 barrels per day with the option to expand to 600,000 barrels

per day. Primary products of the oil refinery would be gasoline, kerosene/jet fuel, ultra-low sulphur diesel and refining byproducts.

Infrastructure required would include process facilities, marine terminal, crude and product storage tanks, access road and utilities.

Construction will take approximately three years to complete and production is planned to begin in late 2010 or early 2011.

The environmental impact statement will be required to examine, among other things, air quality, effluent quality, migratory birds, fish and fish habitat, water resources, aquaculture, historic resources and the socio-economic environment.

An environmental assessment committee will be appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the minister and to prepare draft guidelines for conducting the impact statement.

The public will be invited to provide comment on the draft guidelines.