

2018–2019 Transitional Plan to Improve Energy Performance and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Reducing the environmental footprint of its activities and continuous improvement are at the heart of environmental and sustainable development policies at the Montreal Port Authority (MPA) and also of the Green Marine environmental certification program's target goals. The MPA is a founding member of Green Marine.

While improving energy performance has immediate impacts, such as lowering energy bills, and affects the economic sustainability of MPA's activities, it also contributes directly to combatting climate change and improving air quality for people residing near our activities. Beyond the environmental, social and economic benefits, energy efficiency is not only about goal attainment, but also about sustainable performance.

This 2018–2019 plan to improve energy performance and reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) is transitional in that it lays the foundations for actions to be initiated to establish a solid foundation for the 2020–2022 plan. That plan will align with the 2020–2022 three-year sustainable development action plan and the MPA's 2020–2022 strategic plan.

The transitional plan consists of the following ten lines of action:

1. Assess the energy balance of facilities and activities specific to the MPA through an analysis that includes a report on the current consumption situation combined with recommendations for best practices and energy choices;
2. Carry out an inventory of GHG emissions specific to the activities of the MPA and also to its territory as a whole;
3. Adopt more energy-efficient and less polluting practices;
4. Implement measures to achieve energy reduction and GHG emission targets, for this transition plan, the same as those set out for the MPA in the 2016–2019 sustainable development action plan. These targets will be updated for the 2020–2022 plan, once action lines 1 and 2 are completed, and will also include targets for Port territory in terms of GHGs and air pollutants.
5. Strengthen the MPA's exemplary driving role among its employees and business partners;
6. Maintain a technological watch to support the use of ever more efficient equipment;
7. Integrate energy performance and GHG reduction criteria into MPA's procurement process for acquiring goods and services;
8. Stay on the lookout for public funding for energy improvement and/or GHG reduction initiatives;
9. Implement a communication and incentives strategy for MPA employees and business partners to promote initiatives and support changes in behaviour aimed at reducing energy consumption and GHG emissions;

10. Monitor progress, make adjustments as needed and ensure accountability to senior management, the Board of Directors and both internal and external stakeholders, through the annual sustainable development report, which is made public in April of each year at the annual meeting.

The committee responsible for carrying out the transitional plan is composed of:

- Two (2) representatives of the Real Estate Department
- One (1) representative of the Infrastructure Management Department
- One (1) representative of the Environment Department

This committee reports to the MPA Management Committee.