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WOW Climate Change Action

When: Monday, December 7th from 5 to 6 pm

Where: Mill Park on the riverfront (at Russell and Mill)

Participants will use **flashlights** to spotlight the Detroit Marathon refinery and will hang climate change "**messages**" on the **WOW clothesline**

Why are Windsor residents on watch?

As Canadians and global citizens we are concerned about the impact the escalating Albertan tar sands production will have on climate change. Within kilometers of our own community, the Detroit Marathon Refinery is expanding in order to process the increasing supply of bitumen from the tar sands.

Canada's greenhouse gas emissions climbed 26 per cent between 1990 and 2006, with a 2007 Environment Canada report putting part of the blame on "large increases in oil and gas production." Oil from the tar sands produces five times as many greenhouse gas emissions as conventional oil. The tar sands are emitting around 40 million tonnes of greenhouse gases per year at present, and will probably double to about 80 million tonnes per year by 2011. ¹

United Nations representatives are meeting in Copenhagen to try to hammer out an agreement that would limit carbon emissions. WOW is joining others across the globe to demand that they make the right decisions.

WOW representatives know that stopping climate change will not be easy. But we must succeed -- for the sake of our children and the generations to follow.

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¹ "Questions and answers about the Alberta Tar Sands." Greenpeace Canada. 27 July 2007. <<http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/recent/tarsandsfaq>>