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UPDATED, EXPANDED NATURAL GAS FLARING AND VENTING BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR ENERGY INFORMATION

CALGARY, AB (May 28, 2007): Although more than 98 per cent of natural gas produced in Canada is processed to remove impurities before it is shipped by pipeline to residential or industrial consumers, some natural gas is not economical to process and ship due to small volumes or lack of pipeline connections. There are also operational and safety reasons why some natural gas cannot be sold or used. The unmarketable natural gas may be burned in flares or, in some circumstances, released directly into the atmosphere. These and other disposal options such as incineration or injecting the gas underground are explained in the new edition of *Flaring: Questions + Answers* produced by the Canadian Centre for Energy Information.

Flaring Questions + Answers provides current information about new technologies and operating methods that have substantially reduced the amount of flaring and venting in the Canadian upstream and midstream petroleum industry. Sections on emissions and research have been expanded and all statistics, technical information and illustrations have been reviewed by experts from government and industry. The 24-page, full colour booklet serves as a companion to the 2nd edition of *Sour Gas Questions + Answers* released by the Centre for Energy in May 2006.

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Copies of *Flaring Questions + Answers*, *Sour Gas Questions + Answers* and the award-winning bestseller, *Our Petroleum Challenge – Sustainability into the 21st Century* may be ordered by calling 1-877-606-4636 toll-free or visiting the online bookstore at www.centreforenergy.com

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