

# The True Cost of Oil

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## TED Lectures Note-taking Activity

**Directions:** First listen to the lecture and take notes. Then using your notes, you will answer the following questions.

1. What is the name of the world's largest intact forest?
2. Why are wetlands important to ecosystems?
3. How long have aboriginal or first nations people lived in the boreal forest?
4. How large are the oil reserves in the Alberta tar sands?
5. What point is the speaker illustrating by discussing the size of the truck?
6. There are currently 10 tar-sands mines operating. How many more mines are currently in the approval process?
7. The tar-sands oil is called "the world's dirtiest oil". Why is that?
8. A tailings pond is where the water goes after it is used in producing oil/ How many acres is the biggest tailings pond?
9. Who is affected by these tailing ponds?
10. Why does the speaker become emotional?

11. Is Canada still a world leader in controlling climate change?

12. According to the speaker are things going to get better or worse?

13. How many times larger is the proposed production by 2030?

14. What does this speaker think Canadians and others around the world should do about the tar-sands?