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Premier Gallant Tours Provincial Research Organization During Innovation Week

May 11, 2015, Fredericton, NB - Premier Brian Gallant recently toured RPC, New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO). The tour included an overview of RPC's comprehensive analytical labs as well as some examples of RPC's applied research projects.

RPC was formed in 1962, joining a network of PROs across the country. PROs are Canadian provincial government initiatives to support research and development and adoption of technology in their respective provinces. The first PRO in Canada was the Alberta Research Council formed in 1921. PROs focus on applied research and technical services and specialize in industry sectors that are native to their provinces. In RPC's case, expertise includes environmental chemistry which is critical to support natural resource development, aquaculture with specialization in fish health, industrial process development including support for the mining sector, and specialized engineering services in support of manufacturing and the energy sectors. Premier Gallant was shown examples of successes in all these areas.

During the tour, Premier Gallant met and interacted with many of RPC's 95 scientists, engineers, technologists and support staff.



RPC CEO, Eric Cook (left), welcomes Premier Gallant to RPC.



Inorganic Analytical Services Dept. Head, Ross Kean (right), gives Premier Gallant an overview of RPC's inorganic analytical capabilities.



Engineering Services Dept. Head, John Aikens (right), provides an overview of one of RPC's new product development projects.

About RPC

RPC is New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO), an independent contract research and development and technical services organization located in Fredericton and Moncton, NB. RPC's complement of 95 scientists, engineers and technologists are supported by a 13,000 sq. meter facility housing world-class analytical chemistry and material-testing laboratories, comprehensive life science capabilities, an internationally recognized fish health lab, extensive prototype design, manufacturing and testing services, and a wide variety of pilot facilities for the development and improvement of industrial and environmental processes and products.

RPC is accredited by various organizations including the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and is ISO 9001:2008 certified. Further information about RPC's services is available from www.rpc.ca.

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