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- http://www.canadabcmrif.ca/en/documents/2007/News_Release_August_31_Central_Saanich.pdf
- http://www.canadabcmrif.ca/en/newsevents_2007.htm Links to above press release.
- <http://saanich.wearenetwork.com/search/Federal+Government/2/>

Press releases with environmental assessment requirement REMOVED:

- http://feedfury.com/content/8241947-safer_water_for_central_saanich_residents.html
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