

Article VIII

The Air Quality Committee

1. The Parties agree to establish and maintain a bilateral Air Quality Committee to assist in the implementation of this Agreement. The Committee shall be composed of an equal number of members representing each Party. It may be supported by subcommittees, as appropriate.
2. The Committee's responsibilities shall include:
 - (a) reviewing progress made in the implementation of this Agreement, including its general and specific objectives;
 - (b) preparing and submitting to the Parties a progress report within a year after entry into force of this Agreement and at least every two years thereafter;
 - (c) referring each progress report to the International Joint Commission for action in accordance with Article IX of this Agreement; and
 - (d) releasing each progress report to the public after its submission to the Parties.
3. The Committee shall meet at least once a year and additionally at the request of either Party.

Article IX

Responsibilities of the International Joint Commission

1. The International Joint Commission is hereby given, by a Reference pursuant to Article IX of the Boundary Waters Treaty, the following responsibilities for the sole purpose of assisting the Parties in the implementation of this Agreement:
 - (a) to invite comments, including through public hearings as appropriate, on each progress report prepared by the Air Quality Committee pursuant to Article VIII;
 - (b) to submit to the Parties a synthesis of the views presented pursuant to sub-paragraph (a), as well as the record of such views if either Party so requests; and
 - (c) to release the synthesis of views to the public after its submission to the Parties.
2. In addition, the Parties shall consider such other joint references to the International Joint Commission as may be appropriate for the effective implementation of this Agreement.