

This is the recent background against which this case study was conducted of Canadian publications on the subject of biological and toxin research. The term "collateral analysis" has been used to describe a method of information gathering that involves the collection and systematic examination of publicly-available scientific, technical and other information. It makes no judgement as to the purpose of the research. The analysis may provide an initial picture of a country's technological base and of its capacity to move in a variety of directions, some of which may be of concern and, therefore, a potential area for directing CBM or verification effort to enhance transparency. Similarly, a lack of publication in certain areas of endeavour, when coupled with other sources of information, could raise certain questions. It must be added, however, that collateral analysis cannot be expected to reveal activities that are deliberately concealed.

This study had three objectives:

- 1) to identify specific areas of Canadian published research activity;
- 2) to identify institutions and scientists associated with such published research activity; and
- 3) to identify the absence of published research activity in specific areas of endeavour.