

Having regard to these and other relevant principles and practices recognized by them, both Canada and the United States share a common determination to reduce or prevent transboundary air pollution which injures health and property on the other side of the boundary. Recognizing the importance and urgency of the problem, and believing that a basis exists for the development of a cooperative bilateral agreement on air quality, the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada therefore intend to move their discussions beyond the informal stage to develop such an agreement. Both sides agree that the following further principles and practices should be addressed in the development of a bilateral agreement on transboundary air quality:

1. Prevention and reduction of transboundary air pollution which results in deleterious effects of such a nature as to endanger human health, harm living resources and ecosystems, and impair or interfere with amenities and other legitimate uses of the environment.
2. Control strategies aimed at preventing and reducing transboundary air pollution including the limitation of emissions by the use of control technologies for new, substantially modified, and as appropriate, existing facilities.
3. Expanded notification and consultation on matters involving a risk or potential risk of transboundary air pollution.
4. Expanded exchanges of scientific information and increased cooperation in research and development concerning transboundary air pollution processes, effects, and emission control technologies.
5. Expanded monitoring and evaluation efforts aimed at understanding of the full scope of the transboundary air pollution phenomenon.
6. Cooperative assessment of long-term environmental trends and of the implications of these trends for transboundary air pollution problems.
7. Consideration of such matters as institutional arrangements, equal access, non-discrimination, and liability and compensation, as relevant to an agreement.
8. Consideration of measures to implement an agreement.