

The Group is to consult on ongoing research efforts in Canada and the United States, and to facilitate a full exchange of technical information on the long range transport of air pollutants. Among the responsibilities of the Group are:

1. Analysis of currently instituted programs and those under development to determine where gaps may exist in the information base relating to the occurrence and effects of long range transport of air pollutants;
2. Promotion of measures necessary to ensure the inter-comparability of data generated by programs in both countries;
3. Promotion of the dissemination of appropriate data and research information;
4. Tendering advice and recommendations to the appropriate agencies in the two Governments with respect to modification of existing research programs and/or development of new research programs;
5. Preparation of a yearly status report to both Governments and other reports as deemed necessary.

The Group is co-chaired by a representative of Environment Canada and of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and is comprised of representatives of a number of Canadian and United States agencies with research interests related to LRTAP. The Group has had two plenary meetings since its formation, as well as frequent contact between researchers in particular specialities.

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