

PROTOCOL
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AMENDING THE "AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON AIR QUALITY"

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

RECALLING the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America on Air Quality done at Ottawa March 13, 1991, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement";

RECOGNIZING that cooperative and coordinated action through the Agreement provides an effective means of addressing transboundary air pollution;

INTENDING to reduce the transboundary flow of tropospheric ozone and precursor emissions (NO_x and VOC), thereby helping both countries attain their respective air quality goals;

RECOGNIZING that tropospheric ozone and its precursors (NO_x and VOC) originating in Canada and the United States are transported across their international border, thereby affecting the ability of downwind areas in each country to attain their air quality goals;

CONCERNED about the serious adverse effects to human health and the environment from these pollutants;

RECOGNIZING the need to take new scientific evidence into account; and

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of public awareness, information, education and involvement;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I

A new Annex 3, titled "Specific Objectives Concerning Ground-Level Ozone Precursors" and attached as an appendix to this Protocol, shall be added to the Agreement.