

Mark MacGuigan said the State Department and other U. S. agencies have undertaken to consult with Canada as details of the coal conversion programme develop. "I hope that in this way we will be able to do everything we can to ensure that the transboundary air pollution problem does not get significantly worse as both countries consider measures to improve it."

Canadian concern that coal conversion plans should be accompanied with strong environmental measures to respond to the transboundary air pollution problem was communicated to the United States Government at a meeting of officials in Washington February 29. Canada has also sought assurances that this problem will be considered in any coal conversion programme which eventually emerges.