

- Acid rain reduction agreements have been signed with each of the seven eastern-most provinces ratifying their emission reduction commitments;
- More than 90 per cent of the emission reductions required have already been incorporated in provincial regulations and control programs;
- Canadian flows of sulphur dioxide into the United States have been reduced by 33 per cent;
- As a result of the toughest national package of car and truck emission standards in the world, total national emissions of nitrogen oxides in Canada will be maintained at or below the present level (1.9 million tonnes) until at least 1995.

Once fully implemented in 1994, the Canadian Acid Rain Control Program will cost the private sector and provincial utilities about \$500 million annually or about \$20 per person per year.

The experience gained under Canada's Acid Rain Control Program over the past four years has demonstrated that major emission reductions are technically and economically feasible. The program has resulted in technological innovations and plant modernizations that are both reducing emissions and improving productivity in several industrial sectors. More than 95 per cent of the total cost of the program is being borne by the private sector and provincial utilities. Increases in electricity rates are reasonable. For instance, Ontario Hydro, Canada's largest utility, is forecasting a worst-case electricity rate increase of 2.9 per cent.

The Canadian Acid Rain Control Program, a genuine partnership involving all levels of government, the private sector, the utilities, environmental interest groups and the public, demonstrates the incorporation of environmental needs into economic decision-making.