

RCEN Atmosphere and Energy Caucus 2009-10 Work Plan

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Mandate

The RCEN Atmosphere & Energy Caucus works on important issues related primarily to Hazardous Air Pollutants. As such, the caucus membership frequently works in partnership with the RCEN Toxics Caucus.

Work Plan Vision

A sense of urgency is building within the caucus and the public to see strong, real world national policy development that seeks to put an enforceable global standard on the regulation of greenhouse gases and the broad spectrum of other deadly air pollutants. Our partnerships with a wide range of departments within the federal government and within the hugely diverse ENGO community will be used to help Canada achieve this goal. The caucus will remain plugged into new and emerging issues and opportunities in our destabilized energy market, from nuclear to sustainable alternatives.

National Atmosphere and Energy Policy Development

Air Emissions:

Regulatory Framework for Air Emissions (RFAE) – Air Pollutants

Multi-stakeholder process developing alternative framework proposal and integration of broader caucus input into this process

***Continue to pursue regular reporting to caucus from ENGO representatives to this process

Other caucus activity on air emissions

Acid Rain and Smelters:

CCME Acid Rain Task Group

Establish system for regular reporting from ENGO delegates

Coordinate delegate selection for alternate position on the task group

National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) (in conjunction with Toxics Caucus)

***Anna will continue to pursue developments on this topic

Prepare for release of Auditor General Report in November

Energy:

Energy Sector Sustainability Table - Nashina Shariff and Peter Ormond

Carbon Markets

IISD Policy Dialogues – do joint delegate selections with CAN Canada for two remaining workshops

Tar Sands

Greenhouse Gases – Climate Change

The Nuclear Chain including: uranium mining, processing, weapons, waste, etc. – Anna Tillman

Transportation

***Continue to monitor developments with the Emission Control Area for Ships proposal; the Motor Vehicle Fuel Consumption Regulations

Low carbon fuels

***Continue to monitor developments on this topic for information sharing and networking purposes only

Other / New Developments

Electromagnetic frequency / radiation: cell phones, wireless, masts

***Continue to monitor developments on this topic for information sharing and networking purposes only

Indoor air quality

On the table with EHAN - Sheila Cole

Transboundary Policy

PM Annex – Canada/U.S. Air Quality Agreement
North American Emissions Control Area for Ships