

News Release

Canada and British Columbia Sign Agreement on GHG Data Collection

VANCOUVER, B.C. -- December 17, 2010 --- Today, Canada's Environment Minister, the Honourable John Baird, and British Columbia's Minister of State for Climate Action, the Honourable John Yap, announced that Canada and British Columbia will coordinate their greenhouse gas emission reporting under a national single window system.

“Accurate reporting of greenhouse gas emissions provides vital data in support of our domestic and international climate change goals and obligations,” said Minister Baird. “This is an important agreement that will minimize duplication and reduce the reporting burden for industry and governments through the development of a single window GHG reporting system.”

“Being able to report GHG emissions only once while meeting the requirements of both the federal and provincial governments will save British Columbia industries time and money,” said Minister Yap. “This is another example of the strong partnership we have with the Government of Canada, and single window reporting will be an important tool as British Columbia moves towards a regional cap-and-trade system.”

Under the auspices of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME), the federal, provincial and territorial governments made a commitment to ensure that all jurisdictions are able to measure, track and report progress on the reduction of greenhouse gases.

On March 15, 2010, Environment Canada launched its Single Window Reporting System to collect information on greenhouse gas emissions in support of the Department's mandatory reporting programs for greenhouse gases.

Canada is committed to reaching the target we inscribed in the Copenhagen Accord to reduce greenhouse gas emissions of 17 per cent below 2005 levels by 2020.

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