

North American Black Carbon Emissions Estimation Guidelines

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About the Project

The development of Black Carbon Emissions Estimation Guidelines is a two-year project under the CEC's Operational Plan for the period 1 July 2013 – 30 June 2015. The project involves three main tasks:

- A review of black carbon emissions estimation methodologies available or in use in North America and around the world.
- A series of consultations with emission estimation experts to identify and develop consensus recommendations, including consultations with experts participating in the LRTAP Convention (EMEP/TFEIP) and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC).
- The development of a document that will provide guidance on estimating black carbon emissions from individual source types that can be applied by the three North American countries.

The CEC Secretariat is in the process of developing a request for proposals for contractor support for the project. Meetings and consultations are expected to be organized starting in Spring 2014.

It is the hope of the North American countries that the guidance developed in this project will not only be consistent with guidance developed in the LRTAP Convention and elsewhere, but will be able to make a contribution to the LRTAP Convention, CCAC, Arctic Council, and other efforts addressing black carbon emissions.

The methodological guidance will be incorporated ultimately into the North American On-line, Interactive Informational Platform on Climate Change, currently being developed by the CEC. The initial goal of the online informational platform is to provide access to comparable data for greenhouse gas, black carbon, and co-pollutant emissions from the three North American countries.

About the CEC

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) is an intergovernmental organization created by Canada, Mexico and the United States under the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC). The CEC was established to address regional environmental concerns, help prevent potential trade and environmental conflicts, and promote the effective enforcement of environmental law. The Agreement complements the environmental provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

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