

PROTOCOL FOR NEB/BCMEMP

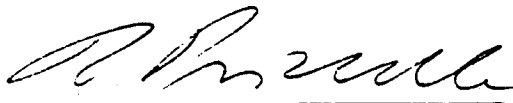
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General

This protocol is intended to apply only to technical studies which are beyond the scope of specific applications under review by the BCMEMP and/or the NEB.

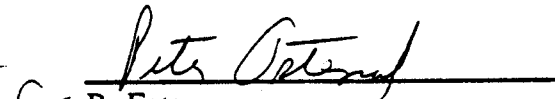
Specific

1. Each organization will identify members of the Board staff or senior Ministry officials to act as the principal contact for co-ordinating the technical liaison between the two organizations.
2. Each organization will examine and pursue areas or opportunities where technical cooperation and collaboration would minimize duplication of effort, more effectively and efficiently use existing staff and technical knowledge, reduce regulatory burden, achieve consistency in methodologies and approach, and set the tone for other cooperative efforts.
3. Liaison representatives will meet to discuss the scope of any joint initiative, discuss the role of each organization, establish suitable staff contacts and confirm the commitment by each organization to the project.
4. Liaison representatives will provide a joint annual report to the Chairman of the NEB and the Deputy Minister, BCMEMP, describing the initiatives taken under this protocol and any plans for future joint activity.
5. Each organization will pursue technical exchange of staff as considered suitable.
6. Each organization will cover the costs for its own staff involved in joint studies. Each organization will alternatively host the meetings of the liaison representatives and alternate the location of technical meetings that would be required in completing any joint project.
7. Each organization will engender support for the program through a formal executive announcement to senior staff, other government agencies and industry.
8. Any joint initiative will conform to the practices and legislation of both jurisdictions, including confidentiality and freedom of information.



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