

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

**THIS MOU** made as of the 16 day of June, 2005

*Between:*

**Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta**, as represented by the **Minister of INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION (INFTRA)**

*And*

**Minister of ENVIRONMENT (AENV)**

*And*

**ALBERTA MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION**  
as represented by the Executive Director  
(AMTA)

The Parties to this MOU,

Being Parties that have interest in increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Alberta - *Albertans & Climate Change: Taking Action*;

Recognizing that the Government of Alberta has endorsed, and committed to, sustainable development, and Alberta's Climate Change Action Plan;

Recognizing that the Alberta Motor Transport Association is a proactive association dedicated to promoting a professional, environmentally responsible image of the trucking industry;

Recognizing that economic development, competitiveness issues, and industry growth need to be considered in developing measures and actions to reduce GHG emissions;

Recognizing that reductions in energy consumption and GHG emissions have associated benefits in reduction of other air emissions;

Recognizing that Alberta's Climate Change Action Plan establishes sector agreements or MOUs as a primary approach to address GHG emissions in Alberta;

Have agreed as follows:

**OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of this MOU is to define a framework within which INFTRA, AENV and the AMTA can work together to facilitate GHG emissions reductions that help contribute to the 50% reduction target (relative to GDP) from 1990 levels, by 2020, as set out in Alberta's Climate Change Action Plan.

**SCOPE:**

This MOU applies to GHG emissions emitted by members of the AMTA. However, where possible, the Parties agree that this MOU may serve as a GHG mitigation framework for further emission reduction actions from additional transportation fuel-related subsectors and stakeholders within Alberta's transportation industry.

**DURATION OF THE MOU:**

This MOU will take effect on the date it is signed and will extend to December 31, 2008, unless one of the Parties terminates it by giving the other Party a six-month written advance notice to this effect. Upon conclusion of this MOU, reviews will be conducted by all Parties, and if agreed, a subsequent MOU or Agreement will be established building on the achievements of the original MOU, incorporating nonregulatory "stretch" emission targets and further engagement of the Alberta trucking sector.

**ROLES AND REPONSIBILITIES:**

The AMTA agrees to:

- (a) Support Alberta's Climate Change Action Plan - *Albertans & Climate Change: Taking Action*;
- (b) Support the establishment and operation of a voluntary registry to develop baseline data on members' GHG emissions;
- (c) Encourage members to take fuel conservation and GHG emission reduction actions through established communication channels (newsletters, web site, conferences, etc.); and
- (d) Work together with INFTRA and AENV to identify areas of mutual interest, directly or indirectly related to the mitigation of GHG emissions, and develop mechanisms for pursuing those areas.

INFTRA and AENV agree to:

- (a) Support the establishment and operation of a voluntary registry for the trucking sector and promotion of GHG emission reduction actions;
- (b) Identify and/or provide appropriate resources required for the establishment and operation of a voluntary registry system;
- (c) Provide relevant fuel conservation and GHG mitigation information regarding initiatives and programs to the AMTA for distribution and communication to members; and,
- (d) Work together with the AMTA to identify areas of mutual interest, directly or indirectly related to the mitigation of GHG emissions, and develop mechanisms for pursuing those areas.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

- (a) A Coordinating Committee will be established to oversee the implementation of this MOU. The Coordinating Committee will consist of the following representatives:
  - (i) Two representatives from the Government of Alberta, one each selected by INTRA and AENV;

- (ii) Two staff representatives from the AMTA, selected by the Executive Director of the AMTA;
  - (iii) Four AMTA member representatives, selected by the Executive Director of the AMTA; and,
  - (iv) One representative from Climate Change Central, selected by Climate Change Central.
- (b) The Coordinating Committee will meet at least quarterly, and report on an annual basis to the Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, the Deputy Minister of Environment and the AMTA Board of Directors;
  - (c) The Coordinating Committee will establish areas of mutual interest and coordinate the development of initiatives that support those interests.
  - (d) Within the first year of this MOU, a two- to three-year work plan will be established by the Coordinating Committee on a consensus basis, with prioritized initiatives and delivery timelines. This work plan will be updated on an annual basis, upon annual review of this MOU.

#### **PROSPECTIVE AREAS FOR FUTURE ACTION:**

To date, INFTRA, AENV and the AMTA have identified a number of prospective areas for future action. These areas form the base for a discussion of how the Parties may work together and subsequent work plans. The prospective areas for future action include:

- (a) Voluntary registry development (fuel intensity consumption data collection)
- (b) Recognition and awards program development
- (c) Driver training and education/awareness initiatives
- (d) Truck fleet efficiency/Load matching/other truck efficiency technologies
- (e) Intelligent Transportation Systems: vehicle identification weigh scale bypass
- (f) Alternative fuels
- (g) Anti-idling technologies/In-cab heaters
- (h) Fleet Challenge Alberta Initiatives.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Parties to this MOU agree to report annually to the public on a joint basis, a statement of the overall results and activities arising from this MOU.

#### **ENFORCEABILITY:**

This MOU is nonbinding and is not intended to create any legally-enforceable rights or obligations between INFTRA, AENV and the AMTA.

**SIGNATURES:**

Agreed to by:

Original signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Minister of Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation

Original signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Minister of Alberta Environment

Original signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director of Alberta Motor Transport Association