

## Four Corners Arrangement WorkPlan for 2003-2004

Areas of Cooperation and Tasks	Responsibility	Financial Aspects	Additional Comments	Timeframe
<b>AREA 1 Overcoming Regulatory and Administrative Barriers</b>				
Address Barriers to Sharing Confidential Business Information (CBI)	US EPA and ACC		US EPA and ACC will continue their dialogue on approaches to facilitating the exchange of CBI between governments while still ensuring compliance with the Toxic substances Control Act (TSCA) CBI provisions.	Ongoing
	ACC		Develop options to address industry concerns with government to government sharing of CBI under the 4CA	
<b>AREA 2 Expanding Knowledge &amp; Information Sharing</b>				
Continual development of opportunities to share knowledge and improve on risk assessment methodologies, processes and practices.	EC/HC, US EPA And when appropriate Supporting Partners		Workshop to further develop knowledge sharing on analogs.  Workshop Lead – US EPA.	Spring 2004
<b>AREA 3 Scientific and Regulatory Consultative Services</b>				
<b>AREA 4 Work Sharing on Co-notifications</b>				
Working towards eventual co-notification of	EC/HC, US		A US company to consider	TBD

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substances between the US EPA and EC/HC	EPA ACC and ICG as requested		submitting a new substance notification concurrently in Canada and the US.	
<b>AREA 5 Advancing Scientific Tools</b>				
Improvement and development of scientific instruments that can be used in both the US and Canadian governments.	EC/HC and US EPA		EC/HC has developed a template for standardizing assessments. US EPA, Canadian and US Industry are interested in exploring the possibility of modifying the template for use on 4CA notifications.	Greg Hammond to demonstrate the template at the Analog Workshop in the Spring of 2004.
<b>AREA 6 Staff Development</b>				
<p>Creating opportunities for greater understanding of the risk assessment (RA) and risk management (RM) policies and practices with a view of making progress toward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• greater use of each others' assessments in decision making; and</li> <li>• greater regulatory and scientific convergence.</li> </ul>	EC/HC and EPA		<p>Exploring possibilities of a government to government staff exchange.</p> <p>A staff exchange will facilitate the exchange of information between the EPA and EC/HC and help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify impediments to greater cooperation and alignment between our systems/approaches and possible strategies to address these</li> </ul>	Fall/Winter 2004

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop greater understanding of risk assessment and risk management processes and the use of analogs.</li> </ul> <p>Addressing CBI issues is critical to the success of the staff exchange program.</p>	
<b>AREA 7 Special Projects</b>				
Low Concern and Early Introduction Proposal	EC/HC US EPA		Proposal to list polymers of low concern on the DSL, and allow early introductions of certain polymers and chemicals below 10,000 kg/yr, all based on EPA assessment has been tabled. EPA exploring possibility for acceptance.	Tabled at the September 2003 meeting of the 4CA.  Possibility of implementation Winter 2003/2004
	EPA		Explore feasibility/usefulness of allowing TSCA inventory listing of polymers of low concern based on Canadian new substances assessment.	US EPA to make decision on Proposal. Fall/winter 2003.
Future Projects	Responsibility	Financial Aspects	Additional Comments	Timeframe