

GREENHOUSE GAS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

between the

ALBERTA MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (AMTA)
and
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA (GOA)

WORK-PLAN 2011/12

Overview:

The Greenhouse Gas (GHG) MOU between the AMTA and the GOA was originally signed by the Executive Director of the AMTA, and Ministers of Alberta Environment (AENV) and Alberta Transportation (AT) on June 16th, 2005. This MOU was renewed by all parties listed above, on March 29th, 2009, remaining active until December 31, 2012.

As a result of this MOU, the parties agreed to form a joint coordinating committee to guide efforts to study and implement methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by improving fuel efficiency within the Alberta commercial trucking. This committee was formed as the AMTA GHG Coordinating Committee (AGCC).

The AGCC is made up of representatives from the Alberta Government, the AMTA, Climate Change Central, and the Alberta trucking industry. The committee was established to provide overall direction and consultation regarding possible measures and initiatives that will facilitate fuel use reduction and the mitigation of GHG emissions from the Alberta trucking sector.

The MOU outlines the requirement of a two to three year work-plan, established by the AGCC on a consensus basis, with prioritized initiatives and delivery timelines. The work-plan will be updated on a regular basis. The following initiatives constitute an outline for the AGCC's current work-plan.

Initiative #1 Driver Training – Education / Examination **Time-line: October/11 – December/12**

Alberta Transportation sets the standards and testing process for all drivers' licenses in the province of Alberta, including licensing of driver's of commercial transport vehicles.

The Resource Consultant will work with officials from Alberta Transportation in order to determine the status of upcoming revisions to the Alberta Class 1 Driver Training Manual. Further work will be conducted to investigate the feasibility of incorporating fuel efficiency practices / information into the driver testing curriculum and as a module within the testing process.

The AGCC will continue to coordinate with AT as they work through an MOU with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) to implement a fuel efficiency component into the commercial driver training curriculum.

Initiative #2 Partner's in Compliance Program
Time-line: October/11 – December/12

The Partners in Compliance (PIC) Program was founded in 1995 as a joint venture of Alberta Transportation and various motor transport operators from the Alberta commercial vehicle industry. The organization's focus has been in the area of safety compliance. Of late the PIC program mandate has been broadened to overall excellence in commercial transport management.

The Resource Consultant will work with representatives of PIC and Alberta Transportation in order to determine if there is interest and merit in expanding the mandate of PIC to include fuel efficiency (GHG mitigation), and/or environmental practices as an added dimension of PIC.

The AGCC will also consider implications of PIC incorporating a fuel efficiency component, in light of NRCan's consideration of adopting U.S. EPA Fleet Smart into the Canadian context.

Initiative #3 MOU Renewal Process
Time-line: October/11 – December/12

The current GHG MOU between Alberta Transportation, Alberta Environment and the AMTA is set to expire on December 31, 2012. The AGCC will provide information and analysis for decision makers of the three signing organizations in preparation for a decision regarding MOU renewal. The focus of this analysis will be based on determining the degree to which the work of the AGCC has been completed; the value in continuing this work; and evaluation as to whether the MOU continues to be the most effective method by which to move this initiative forward.

Initiative #4 Program Review and Consultation
Time-line: October/11 – March/12

The AGCC will provide consultation to AENV following the final results and report of the provincial commercial truck rebate program. In addition the AGCC will provide advice regarding the development of new programs related to fuel efficiency of the Alberta trucking sector.

Initiative #5 Sector Communications and Awareness
Time-line: Ongoing

Strategic communications regarding the role and activities of the AGCC, along with relevant industry-related issues pertaining to fuel efficiency, climate change, and general provincial, national and international climate change policy, will be carried out through the following proposed methods:

- Email notices and updates (AGCC and AMATA membership)
- Web-based information (www.truckfuelsavings.ca)
- AMTA-related events (conferences and meetings)

Initiative #6 Coordination and Meeting Activities - AGCC
Time-line: Ongoing

The AGCC will continue its quarterly meetings (or on an as-need basis), in order to provide direction regarding the major current work-plan initiatives. The AGCC will also carry out a regular review of its membership to foster increased and improved representation from the Alberta commercial trucking sector.

The AGCC will also share relevant information related to fuel efficiency initiatives, technologies and policies among its membership, such as: U.S. EPA SmartWay developments, natural gas in transportation, idle reduction, truck stop electrification, etc. The AGCC will continue to be co-chaired by a representative of the GOA (AENV) and by the AMTA.

Initiative #5 Government Relations
Time-line: Ongoing

Government relations activities will be undertaken by remaining aware and reacting to opportunities in which the AMTA and related trucking representation is communicating or meeting with government officials and elected representatives at both provincial and federal levels. In this capacity the AGCC may take a proactive role in the case of meetings between the AMTA and Ministers of Transportation and/or Environment, by providing briefing materials or information to be added to briefing materials to both the AMTA Board of Directors and relevant government officials.