

Exploring Pollutant Release and Transfer Data in North America: Experiences and Future Opportunities in the Academic Community

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Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Provisional Workshop Agenda

- 9:00 Welcome and introductions
- 9:30 Objectives for meeting
- 9:35 Overview of the CEC's Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR) Program; Update on Global PRTR Activities — *Erica Phipps, Program Manager*
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Start of roundtable sessions
- For each roundtable, participants are encouraged to briefly summarize their research or other relevant research in this area. The discussion will be focused around four questions:*
- *What experience exists around the table in this area?*
 - *What has been learned or gained from this research?*
 - *What opportunities exist? What further questions could be explored?*
 - *What are the challenges of using PRTR data in this area?*
- 10:20 Roundtable 1: What can be learned by analyzing PRTR data in conjunction with data on economic and/or social measures?
- 11:30 Roundtable 2: What relationships can be drawn between PRTR data and environmental health measures?
- 12:30 Lunch (provided by CEC)
- 13:30 Roundtable 3: What can PRTR data tell us about the effectiveness of public policy?
- 15:00 Break

15:15 Emerging issues and potential areas for co-operation within the academic community

Participants are encouraged to bring to the workshop ideas on emerging issues in PRTR analysis and areas of possible collaboration

16:30 Exploring next steps

Participants are encouraged to suggest possible means of increasing interaction among academics/researchers throughout North America who are using PRTR and similar types of environmental data in their research, including a potential role for the CEC.

17:00 Adjourn

19:30 Meet in the lobby of the downtown Delta Hotel to enjoy a neighborhood Montreal restaurant together