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North American Workshop on Best Available Technology for Air Pollution Control

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Need: To achieve a greater understanding of the available information on Best Available Technology (BAT) for air pollution control in North America, and how different jurisdictions determine BAT feasibility.

Goal: Explore potential opportunities for creating a North American “clearinghouse” of BAT information to assist regulators and the public in understanding BAT availability and feasibility.

- 9:15 Coffee and pastries (provided)
- 9:30 Welcome and introductions, Paul Miller, Air Quality Program Manager, CEC
- 9:45 Overview and goals for an information exchange on BAT in North America – Paul Miller

Morning session: broad dialogue on key BAT issues in each country

- 9:55 United States – RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse and New and Emerging Air Technologies (NEAT) library – Bob Blaszcak, USEPA
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Mexico presentation on BAT information needs – TBD
- 11:20 Canada experiences and views on BAT – Geoff Ross, EC
- 11:40 Discussion on BAT information sharing across North America
- 12:15 Lunch (provided)

Afternoon Session: discussion of specific issues of concern

- 1:30 How do jurisdictions make BAT determinations, and do the criteria differ by jurisdiction? – Panel discussion with 1 person from US state, CN province and MX official
 - Cost criteria?
 - Technology criteria?
 - Differences between countries?
- 2:30 Discussion of possible steps to improve BAT information sharing in North America - Discussion leader TBD
- 3:45 Summary of action items and next steps
- 4:00 Close