

# Ambient Monitoring Operations Steering Committee (OSC)



# Terms of Reference

To provide overall direction for the cooperative monitoring system by:

1. Tracking progress in achieving the strategic plan
2. Setting the annual budget for the data warehouse
3. Approving the annual work plan
4. Establishing policies and procedures
5. Revising the strategic plan as required\*
6. Reviewing and evaluating the system.

\* Was never approved by the CASA Board

# Current Activities

1. Tracking usage of the CASA Data Warehouse, the associated operational costs and budget for the CDW is an ongoing committee activity.
2. The 2007 work plan for the CDW includes updating the system for future incorporation of industry ambient monitoring data
3. Due to increased costs associated with updating the CDW and expanded usage, the committee has recommended some funding increases from stakeholders.

# CASA Committee Links

AMSP – the OSC is currently awaiting the completion of the revised Alberta ambient monitoring strategic plan.

Airshed Council - prior to the development of the Airshed Council, the OSC also played a role for the sharing of information between airsheds.

Performance Measures – the CASA Data Warehouse is a main source of data to support proposed performance indicators

# Critical Issue

Although the Operations Steering Committee plays a role as a 'Steward' of the Alberta Ambient Strategic Monitoring Plans (1995 and 1997), the OSC terms of reference did not include the authority to revise the plan.

The creation of the Ambient Monitoring Strategic Plan (AMSP) team to revise the plan has raised significant questions about the role of the OSC

# Evolution

The future of the Operations Steering Committee appears to be tied very closely with the revised Alberta Ambient Strategic Monitoring Plan.

The Airsheds Council and Performance Measures Team have in some ways supplemented work that the OSC historically provided.

**Recommend that members consider the future role of the OSC during this workshop.**