



THE BRITISH COLUMBIA VISIBILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The British Columbia Visibility Coordinating Committee (BCVCC) was formed in 2006 to address visual air quality in British Columbia. The BCVCC is a partnership between the British Columbia Ministry of Environment, Metro Vancouver, the Fraser Valley Regional District, Environment Canada and Health Canada.

The BCVCC's vision is:

The ability to see our natural and urban environment is an important part of the British Columbia experience, thus the British Columbia Visibility Coordinating Committee (BCVCC) is committed to achieving clean air and pristine visibility for the health and enjoyment of present and future generations.

THE COMMITTEE'S PURPOSE IS TO:



Provide on-going direction to government agencies on efforts to reduce the impact of air pollution on visual air quality in British Columbia;



Guide, initiate, support and participate in scientific studies to provide a sound foundation for visual air quality management policies;



Share information about the science of visibility, the activities of the BCVCC, and the actions that can be taken to protect and improve visual air quality;



Demonstrate, test, and implement policy mechanisms and technical tools to achieve visual air quality protection or improvement in British Columbia; and



Build upon local airshed planning efforts to prevent future visual air quality deterioration and work towards continuous visual air quality improvement in British Columbia.



The BCVCC is building on a strong foundation of visual air quality work from the 1990s which was initially guided by the 1991 Canada-US Air Quality Agreement. For more information about the BCVCC and visual air quality in the Lower Fraser Valley, visit www.clearairbc.ca.