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Terms of Reference

Preamble The Canadian Flaring and Venting Regulators Forum (CFVRF) was formed in 2007 in response to a request by the World Bank – Global Gas Flaring Reduction partnership (GGFR) for Canadian statistics on upstream petroleum flaring and venting. As upstream oil and gas operations in Canada are regulated on a provincial, territorial and sometimes federal level, an opportunity arose for representatives from these jurisdictions to come together and coordinate the statistics for the GGFR request. Moreover, an opportunity was identified for the representative jurisdictions to collaborate on issues of mutual concern and share information and best practices.

Membership: Energy Resources Conservation Board (Alberta); Alberta Environment; British Columbia Oil and Gas Commission; Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board; Environment and Natural Resources - Government Northwest Territories; Manitoba Science, Technology, Energy and Mines; National Energy Board; Natural Resources Canada; Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Natural Resources; Saskatchewan Energy and Resources; Environment Canada.

Mandate: Minimize flaring, incinerating and venting in the upstream petroleum industry and promoting gas conservation by:

- exploring additional opportunities for further minimization of flaring, incineration and venting,
- meeting the commitment to the Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership and Canadian Country Implementation plan for associated gas, and
- pursuing beneficial uses for gas that is flared or vented,
- Collaborating on issues of mutual concern and sharing information on best practices.

Goals: Where practical and feasible the CFVRF will:

- 1) Encourage Best Management Practices for flaring reduction.
- 2) Share information and learning on flaring and venting reduction, awareness and use of new technologies.

- 3) Collaborate toward a unified national response to multi-jurisdictional flaring and venting issues. (Media, CAPP, NGO's, for example as well as public and environmental concerns)
- 4) Provide assistance and guidance to other countries regarding flaring and venting reduction through the world bank GGFR partnership
- 5) Provide accurate national annual flaring, incinerating and venting statistics to the World Bank
- 6) Be a conduit of information transfer from the GGFR to and from the member jurisdictions.
- 7) Forum to discuss standardized flaring regulation across the country
- 8) Share experiences on regulating flaring and venting.

Meetings:

Semi-annual

- Video conferencing meetings as appropriate
- Meetings paired with an existing event (trade shows, etc.)

Governance:

Chair: Coordinate with World Bank, Forum Members and spokesperson

Secretary: Focal point for outside contact and distribution of information to Forum Members (James Vaughan).