

Meeting of the United States-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council

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Washington, D.C. – U.S. Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Acting Administrator Paul Ray and Treasury Board of Canada Secretary Peter Wallace convened the United States-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) at the Embassy of Canada to further regulatory cooperation in both countries. They were joined by Acting Ambassador of Canada to the United States Kirsten Hillman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Assistant Administrator Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, and Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Christyne Tremblay.

This year's RCC meeting focused on bringing together government officials in a series of regulator-to-regulator discussions to build on the progress made at the RCC Stakeholder Forum in December 2018 and to advance work in new areas. Regulators demonstrated progress in the areas of workplace chemicals, explosive precursor chemicals, energy efficiency reporting, automated vehicles, veterinary drugs, crop protection, medical devices, and advanced and small modular reactors.

Departments and agencies, under the direction from the RCC's decision-making Council—and in consultation with affected stakeholders—will continue to lead efforts toward regulatory alignment or, absent alignment, the adoption of other measures that will make it easier to conduct business between the two countries.

The RCC is committed to releasing new work plans in the near future.

Background

Launched in 2011, the United States-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) brings together U.S. and Canadian regulators with health, safety, and environmental protection mandates to reduce unnecessary differences between their regulatory frameworks. The RCC's work is coordinated and monitored by the RCC Secretariat, composed of the U.S. Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs and the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat. The RCC provides a forum for stakeholders, including industry, consumers, and non-governmental organizations, to discuss regulatory barriers and identify opportunities for regulatory cooperation between the United States and Canada.

The United States and Canada signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MOU) reaffirming the principles and commitments of the RCC on June 4, 2018 at the White House. This MOU promotes economic growth, innovation, competitiveness, and job creation in both countries through the elimination of unnecessary regulatory differences.

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