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David McGovern is the Assistant Deputy Minister of the International Affairs Branch at Environment Canada. His portfolio of responsibility includes international environmental issues relating to Canada's multilateral and bilateral relations with particular emphasis on North America as well as international Climate Change matters.

Before joining Environment Canada in March 2005, Mr. McGovern was a successful participant in the Accelerated Executive Development Program (AEXDP) which develops federal Public Service executives who demonstrate strong leadership potential.

Mr. McGovern had a number of senior level assignments while on the AEXDP. From 2003 until 2005, he supported the President, Secretary and Associate Secretary of the Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) on several key files including the development of a restructuring plan for the Canadian Firearms Program, the December 2004 Changes to the Government, horizontal and vertical Expenditure Management Reviews, the Expenditure Review reallocation exercise and the restructuring and reorganization of the TBS.

Previously, Mr. McGovern spent 18 months on assignment as Senior Director General, Corporate Affairs and Planning Branch, at the former department of Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC). While at HRDC, Mr. McGovern was co-lead on several internal reallocation exercises, he chaired the resource allocation committee as well as coordinated the successful proposal for Modernizing Service for Canadians – the precursor to the recently announced Service Canada initiative.

From 1998 until 2002, Mr. McGovern was Executive Director of Railway Policy at Transport Canada. During that time, he worked on key files including a review of Grain Transportation, the legislative review of the *Canadian Transportation Act*, the privatization of the Newfoundland Dockyard, the renegotiation of new contracts with regional railways as well as the development of new partnerships with cities. Mr. McGovern also led a Special Task Force that undertook a comprehensive review of passenger rail service in Canada that culminated in the Government making a long-term \$1.2B investment in new equipment and infrastructure.

Prior to joining Transport Canada, Mr. McGovern was an Officer for six years at the Privy Council Office. He was a member of the Government Operations and Labour Relations Directorate and then the Economic and Regional Development Directorate. During his six years at PCO, Mr. McGovern was responsible for wide-range of portfolio responsibilities including privatization and commercialization, customs and excise, taxation, public works, real property, transportation, the regulatory process, and Official Residences.

Before working at PCO, Mr. McGovern spent two years at Supply and Services Canada as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister as well as a Cabinet Affairs Officer. He also worked at the Department of Fisheries of Oceans as an Economist and as a consultant to various Parliamentary committees.

Mr. McGovern received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Canadian Studies from McGill University. He subsequently graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science with a Masters of Science degree in Economics.

Mr. McGovern lives in Ottawa with his wife and three children.