

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V
AND
THE LITHUANIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DEPARTMENT

This agreement is written to recognize the long standing cooperation between USEPA Region V and the Lithuanian Environmental Protection Department (LEPD). In addition, both sides agree to continue the development of a program of environmental assistance to the Republic of Lithuania in the areas of:

1. Environmental risk management and standards.
2. Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, including that of contaminated groundwater in the vicinity of the Cities of Siauliai and Klaipeda.
3. Environmental data management and integration.
4. Development of environmental regulations and enforcement approaches.
5. Administrative management and control approaches.

The sides will facilitate (as financially practical and when appropriate) the free flow of management and technical professionals and information between US EPA Region 5 and LEPD to implement the above program.

Both sides acknowledge the importance and mutual benefit of the environmental research program developed between the University of Vilnius, the Academy of Science and the LEPD on Lithuanian side and the US EPA Environmental Research Laboratory at Athens, Georgia on the United States side. The LEPD and US EPA Region V agree to foster the implementation of the environmental research and monitoring program as described in the memorandum of July 28, 1992, signed by representatives from the University of Vilnius and US EPA Environmental Research Laboratory at Athens, Georgia.

It is expected that these programs, together with other existing and future agreements between institutions of the two countries in the field of environmental protection and natural resources management, would eventually form the basis for an umbrella bilateral agreement.

Both sides agree to ensure that the program developed under this memorandum is consistent with priorities previously established by consultations with the Agency for International Development and the US Department of State.

In the event it is so desired, either side can withdraw from the terms of this memorandum, in whole or in part, upon tender of 30 days notice.

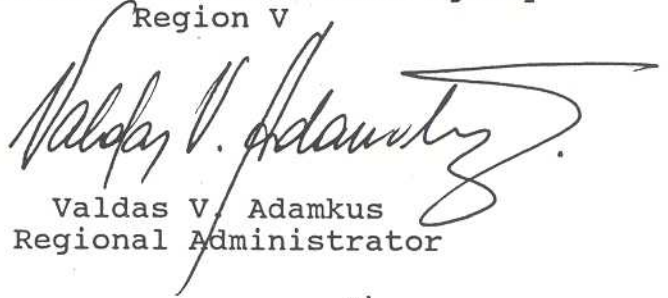
For the Lithuanian
Environmental Protection
Department



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Signed on November 18, 1992
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For the United States
Environmental Protection Agency
Region V



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Signed on November 11, 1992
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