

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS WOOD PRESERVATION
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The Canadian Forestry Service is the lead forestry agency of the federal government of Canada. Since April 1, 1979, the forest products research has been shared with industry. Forintek Canada Corporation, formerly the Forest Products Laboratories of the Department of the Environment, is a private corporation, which conducts research and development on solid wood products including wood preservation, with approximately half of its funding from the federal government. A Canadian Forestry Service representative is on various national and international standards and code committees and wood preservation associations.

Apart from the Canadian Forestry Service contributions to wood preservation, there are several other departments which assist the wood preservation under various programs. The Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) administered by the National Research Council of Canada. From the initiation of this program, about twenty projects were supported with about \$3 million of federal funds. Today, we have three other representatives from the federal departments who will follow me to give a brief account of their activities. Mr. Gautam Das from Environment Canada; Mr. Lawrence McClelland, Agriculture Canada and Mr. Keith McKeller from the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion.
