



## Overview of Transport Canada's Scientific Integrity Policy

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This document was created to provide contractors and collaborators a quick overview of [Transport Canada's Scientific Integrity Policy](#).

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### Background

Transport Canada Scientific Integrity Policy came into effect on December 31, 2018.

As per section 7.1.3 of the policy, *"TC will ensure that contractors and/or collaborators involved in, or providing services in support of, research, science or related activities are informed of this policy and encouraged to comply with its provisions and intent."*

### Goals

This policy was created to:

- foster a culture that supports and promotes scientific integrity in the design, conduct, management, review and communication of research, science, and related activities
- increase trust in the credibility and reliability of Transport Canada's research and scientific activities
- set expectations for the design, conduct, management, review and communication of research, science, and related activities
- improve employee's understanding of how research and science informs evidence-based decision-making, and the role of managers, communication specialists, researchers and scientists in developing government policy and advice

### Principles

Failing to follow these principles is considered a breach of scientific integrity. When conducting research, science or related activities for Transport Canada, you must:

- respect all relevant and applicable standards of scientific excellence, research ethics, and responsible research conduct
- make sure that your activities, any research, scientific products or related communications are free from political, commercial, client, or stakeholder interference
- make sure that Transport Canada’s research and scientific information is made available to the public in a timely way, in keeping with the Government of Canada’s [Directive on Open Government](#)
- represent and acknowledge the contributions of scientists, researchers, and others to Transport Canada research or scientific work
- avoid conflicts of interest and make sure that any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest is recognized, reported and dealt with
- accurately represent different interpretations of research and scientific evidence, as needed
- make sure that the contributions of researchers and scientists to government programs, policies, regulations, and decision-making is acknowledged in official publications or communications

## Questions?

For more information, read our Scientific Integrity Policy or contact [jim.lothrop@tc.gc.ca](mailto:jim.lothrop@tc.gc.ca) or [karen.hall@tc.gc.ca](mailto:karen.hall@tc.gc.ca).

For more information on breaches of scientific integrity, contact Transport Canada’s Senior Integrity Officer: [TC.Integrity-integrite.TC@tc.gc.ca](mailto:TC.Integrity-integrite.TC@tc.gc.ca).