

An aerial photograph of a coastal region, likely the Pacific Northwest, showing a complex network of green, forested land and blue water. The land features numerous small, interconnected water bodies and channels, creating a dendritic pattern. The water is a deep blue, and the overall scene is captured from a high angle, looking down at the coastline.

*North American
Commission for
Environmental
Cooperation*

**Sound Management of
Chemicals (SMOC)
Linkages to the
GLBTS**

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Overview

- Three North American Partners
 - NAFTA environmental response
- Commission For Environmental Cooperation
 - Sound Management of Chemicals (SMOC) Program Resolution 95-05

New Direction

- Strategies for Catalyzing Cooperation



Mandate for Linkages

From the CEC's Resolution 95-05

- FURTHER RECOGNIZING that this resolution should build upon existing bilateral and multilateral commitments related to the sound management of chemicals, to which at least two of the *North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC)* countries are Party, including, for example, the commitments made in Article II (a) of the *Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1978 (Canada-United States of America)*
- (Council) DIRECTS the (SMOC) working group, in addressing the above-mentioned decisions and commitments, to:
 - g) build upon existing bilateral and multilateral commitments related to the sound management of chemicals;



North American Regional Action Plans (NARAPs)

- Chlordane (1997-2003)
- PCBs (1996-2006)
- DDT (1997-2006)
- Mercury (1998-2010)
- Lindane and Other HCH Isomers (2002-2016)
- Dioxins, Furans, HCB (2001-2016)
- Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (2002-)





SMOC's New Mandate

Council Resolution 06-09

- Re-aligning with existing domestic and international activities
 - Focus on sectors and groups of chemicals
- Involving stakeholders as partners
- Leveraging resources
- Helping Parties advance international objectives (SAICM, WSSD 2020 Goals)



Making the new mandate operational


- Focus on chemical groups and industry sectors
- Develop strategies that promote trilateral cooperation



Guiding Principles for the new North American SMOC Agenda

- *Develop and implement a sustainable regional approach to monitoring, including biomonitoring*
- *Establish a foundation for chemicals management in North America*
- *Reduce the risk from chemicals of concern to North America*
- *Improve environmental performance of sectors*





Develop and Implement a Sustainable Regional Approach to Monitoring and Assessment of Toxic Chemicals

- The objective of this work is to develop and implement a North American sustainable regional approach to environmental and eco-health monitoring, including biomonitoring.





Establish a Foundation for Chemicals Management Across North America


- to improve efforts on reduction of risks of exposure to human health and the environment arising from toxic chemicals in the North American environment by sharing information on policies, institutions, and processes that can be adopted;
- to increase comparability of chemical management tools across the three countries and to assist Mexico to build their capacity in the sound management of chemical at the national level.



Reduce the Risk from Chemicals of Concern to North America

- to reduce and eliminate, wherever possible, the risk of exposure from chemicals of concern to the people and environments of North America through collaborative actions based on priorities of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation and its stakeholders.





Improve Environmental Performance through a Sector Approach to the Sound Management of Toxic Substances

- to reduce the risk of exposure to toxic chemicals in the North American environment by working strategically with key industrial sectors across North America to improve environmental performance.



Working together

- SAICM
- UNEP
 - Stockholm POP's
 - Global Mercury
- EU Chemicals
 - Reach
- OECD
- And, of course, GLBTS

