



Addressing High Priority Petroleum Substances under the Chemicals Management Plan

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Overview

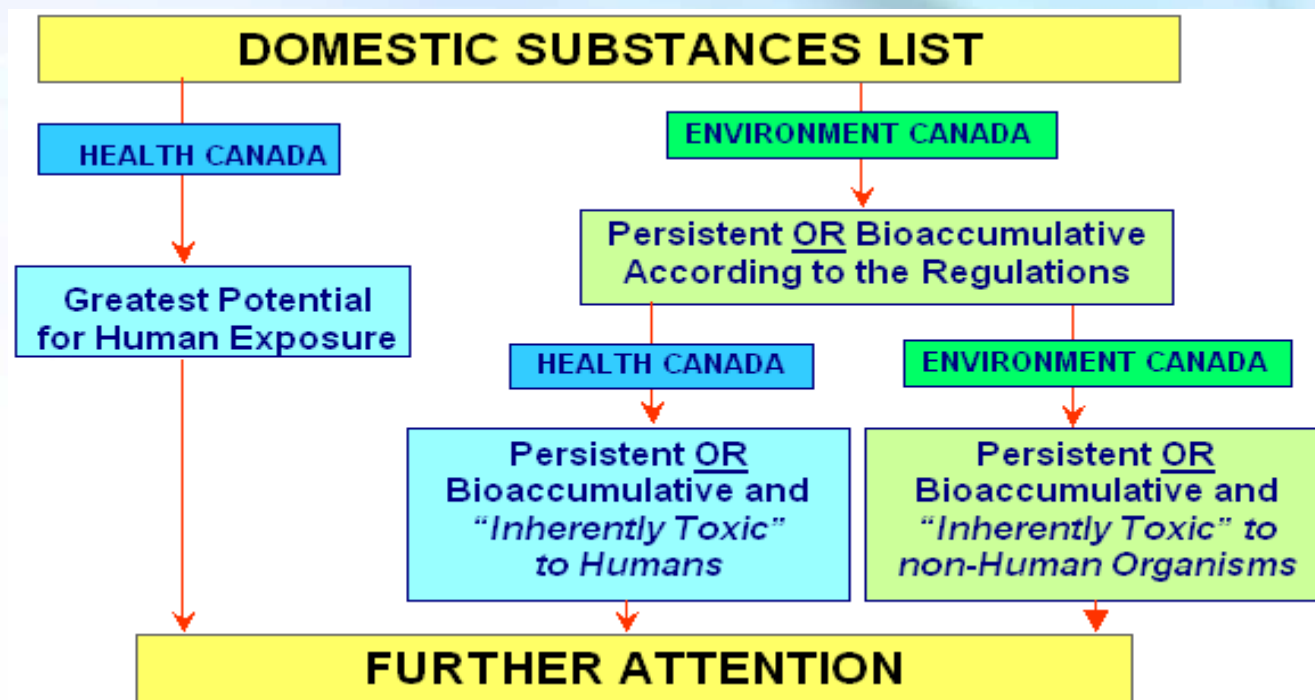
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Categorization

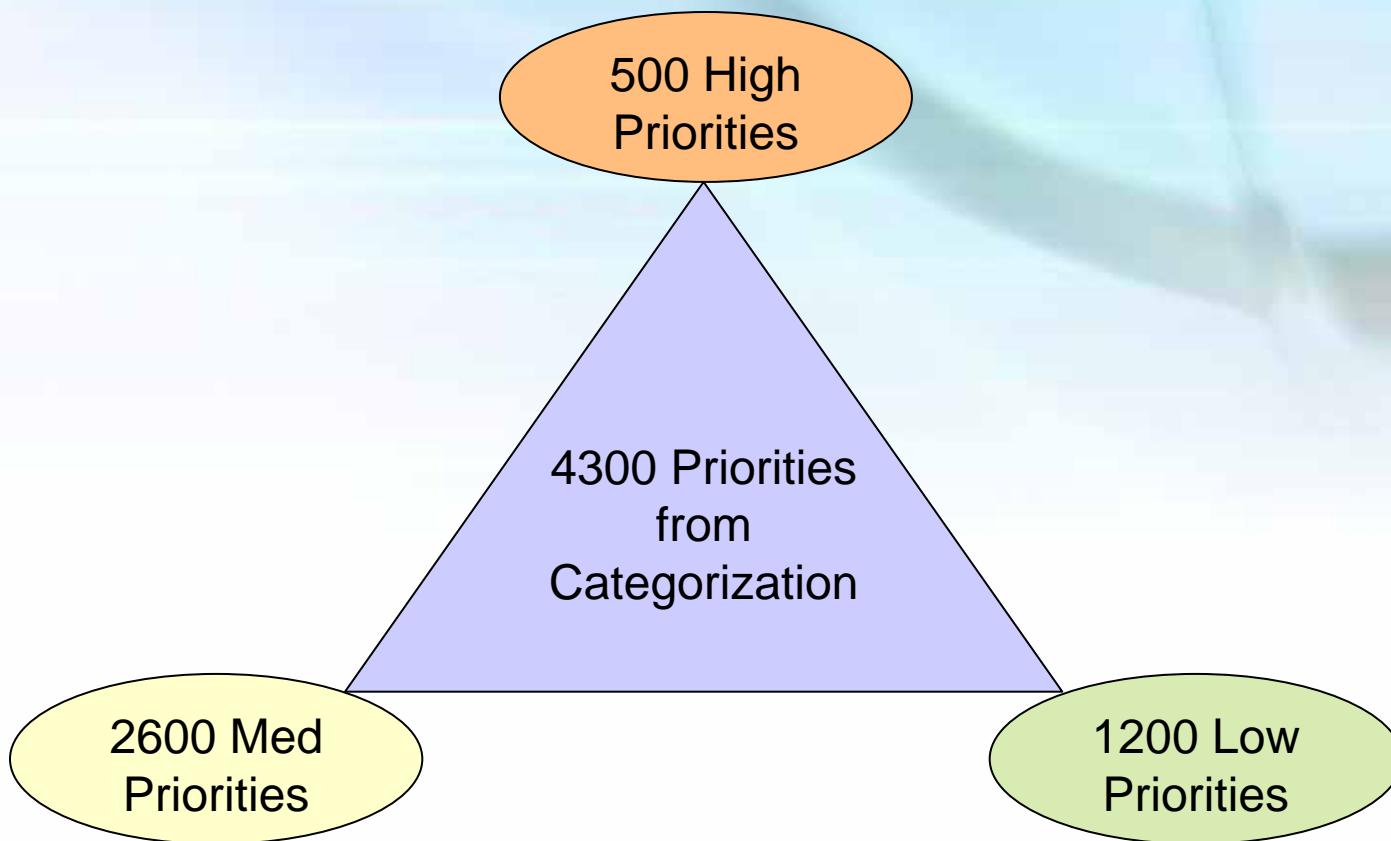
- What was it?

- Categorization was the first step in setting priorities for conducting risk assessment of chemical substances on the Domestic Substances List



Categorization

- From 23,000 to 4300 Substances



Chemicals Management Plan

- Launched on December 8, 2006
- To address all 4300 priorities
- Key Objectives of the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) include:
 - Significantly strengthen the existing substances regime
 - Integrate Government's Activities
 - Strengthen the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA)'s coordination with other federal statutes, including: Hazardous Products Act, Food & Drugs Act, and Pest Control Products Act
 - Strengthening industry's role in proactively identifying and safely managing risks associated with chemicals they produce and use
 - Establish Government Accountability
 - Enhanced monitoring and surveillance activities
 - Increased research activities
 - A cyclical update of the Domestic Substances List
 - International cooperation and leadership
 - Enhanced risk communications to Canadians
- <http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca>



Addressing High Priority Substances under the Chemicals Management Plan

1. Challenge Program (~200 substances):

- Challenge to industry to provide new information about how it is managing these high priority substances
 - Information Gathering
 - Screening Assessment
 - Risk Management (if needed)

2. Petroleum Sector Stream Approach (~160 substances)

- Substances that are high priority but set aside from the Challenge to be addressed under a sectoral approach.
 - Information Gathering
 - Screening Assessments
 - Risk Management (if needed)

3. Significant New Activity (SNAc) Provisions (~150 substances)

4. Substances that are already in the assessment or management stream



Petroleum Sector Substances in the CMP

High Priority Petroleum Substances fall under 2 of these initiatives:

- **Challenge Program**

- ❖ **~58 / 200 Challenge substances have been identified as potentially related to the petroleum sector.**
 - ❖ petroleum substances (produced by the petroleum sector) that are also widely used by other sectors (e.g. butane)
 - ❖ chemical substances for which the petroleum sector is only one of many users

- **Petroleum Sector Stream Approach**

- ❖ **~160 substances have been set aside for the Petroleum Sector Stream Approach because**
 - ❖ there were a large number of them,
 - ❖ they are primarily related to the petroleum sector, and
 - ❖ they are complex mixtures



How the Sectoral Approach is being used for Petroleum Substances in the CMP

	~160 Petroleum Sector Stream Substances	~58 Challenge Petroleum Substances
<i>Data Collection</i>	<p>Sectoral Approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 71 Survey • contracts • voluntary information submitted 	<p>EC/HC Challenge Process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 71 survey & voluntary questionnaire published every 3 months for challenge batches <p>Sectoral Approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional data gathering through contracts for specific sector-related information that may be required for potential risk management
<i>Screening Assessment</i>	<p>Sectoral Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding efficiencies (e.g. potential grouping of substances) 	<p>EC/HC Challenge Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each sector contributes to this
<i>Risk Management (if needed)</i>	<p>Sectoral Approach to develop RM, if needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will involve other sectors if and as needed. 	<p>EC/HC Challenge Process coordinating RM</p> <p>Sectoral Approach to develop RM pertaining to petroleum sector</p>

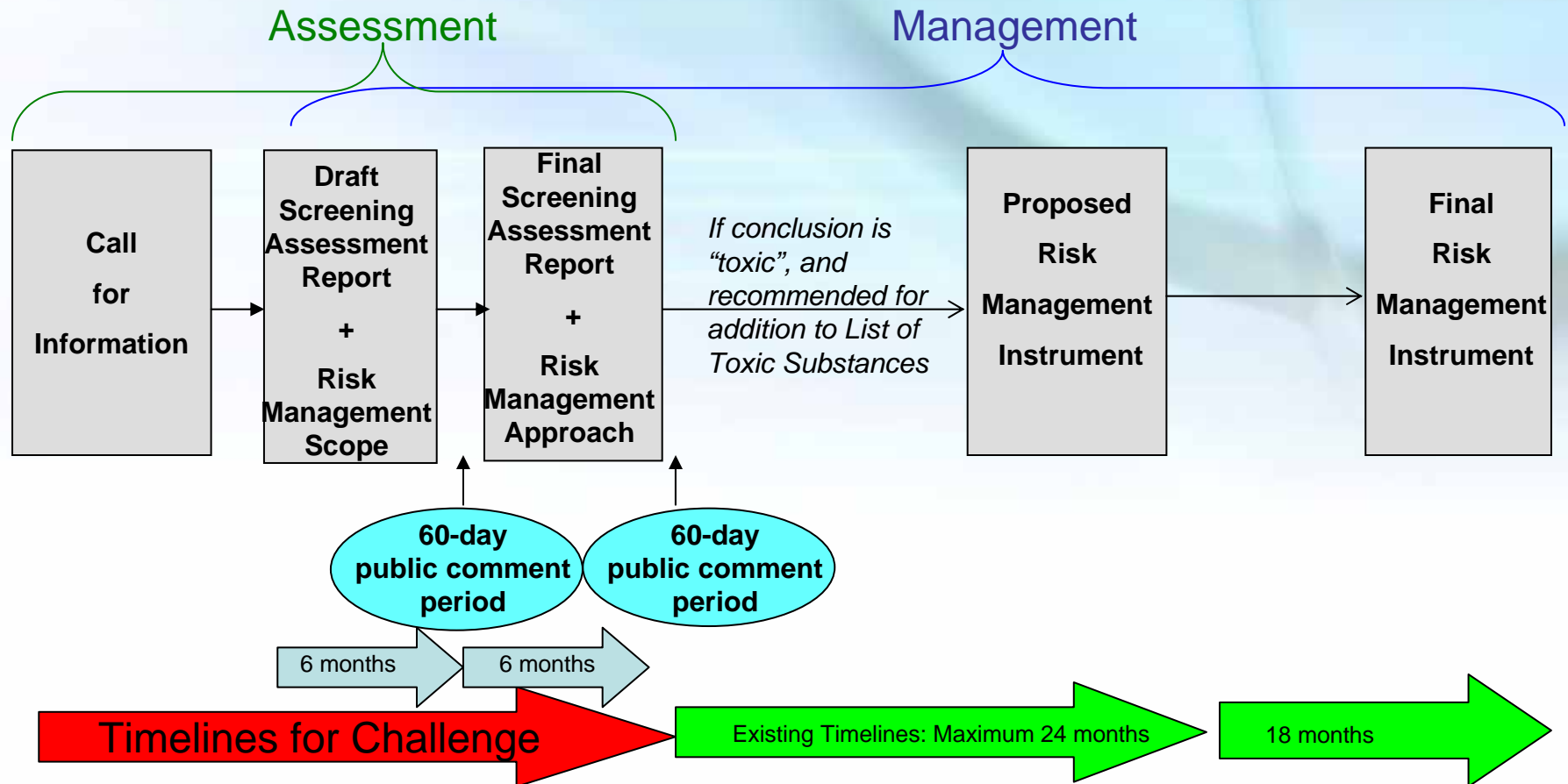


The Challenge Program

- The federal government is challenging industry to provide new information about how it is managing ~200 substances that are potentially harmful to human health or the environment.
- The government is publishing, in batches of 15-30 substances, a profile of chemical substances for industry and other stakeholders to comment on and provide information
 - batches are published every three months (first batch released in February 2007)
 - all batches to be released within 3 years
 - information provided through a mandatory survey (targeting manufacturers, importers and users of these substances concerning their uses, releases and management) and a voluntary questionnaire (on general life cycle and other pertinent management issues)
- Government scientists then publish a draft screening assessment report within 6 months (first draft reports published in January 2008) and a final report 6 months later
- For substances recommended for addition to the List of Toxic Substances in Schedule 1 of CEPA 1999, a proposed risk management instrument has to be proposed within 2 years and finalized within an additional 18 months (see diagram on next slide)
- The lack of complete information will not preclude government from taking action that safeguards human health and the environment.



Timelines for the Challenge



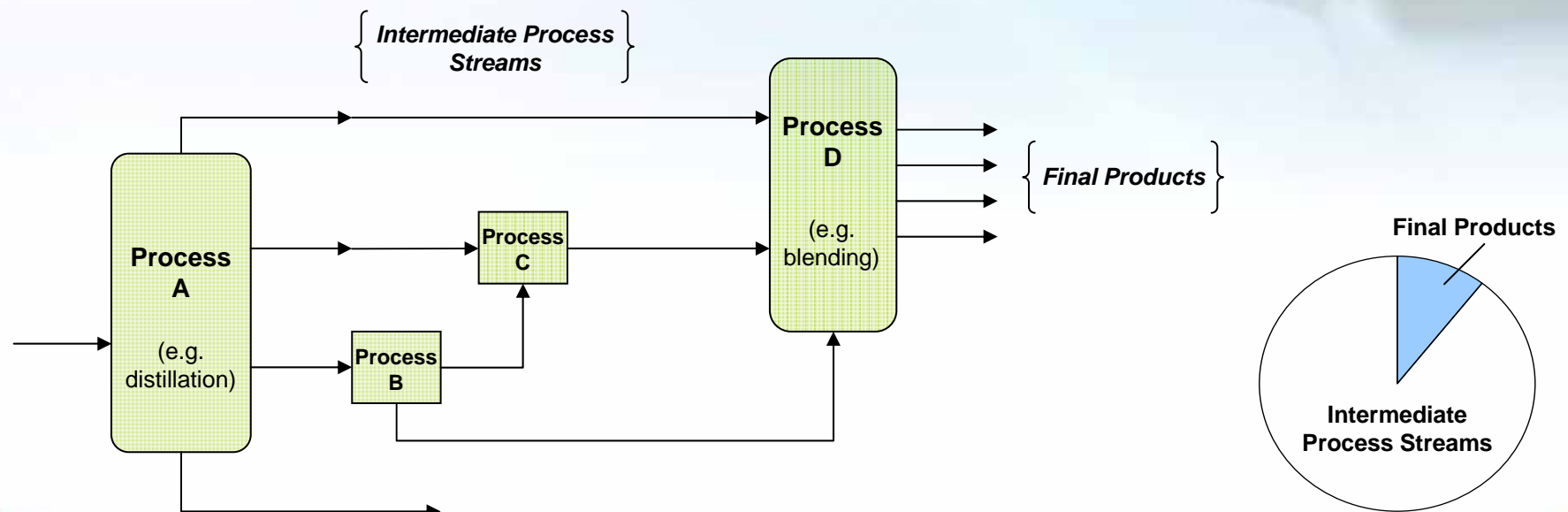
Challenge Petroleum Substances

- ~ 58 substances in the Challenge are potentially related to the petroleum sector (as well as others)
- Our Role includes:
 - Information Gathering
 - Follow the progress of the Challenge batches (official data gathering tool for the Challenge)
 - Gather additional information that might be needed for future risk management work:
 - e.g. for substances related specifically to the petroleum sector, such as fuel additives
 - Risk Assessment
 - Contribute (where possible) to the draft and final Screening Assessment which proposes whether the substance is considered to be toxic as defined in CEPA.
 - Risk Management (RM)
 - Contribute to the Risk Management "Scope" (accompanies draft screening assessment), which briefly outlines target sectors and potential type of RM for the substance
 - Lead for Petroleum Sector
 - Contribute to the Risk Management "Approach" (accompanies final screening assessment), which is more detailed and gives a clearer indication of RM instruments being considered.
 - Lead for Petroleum Sector
 - If substance is recommended for addition to the List of Toxic Substances in CEPA, the government has 24 months to develop a draft RM instrument.
 - We would identify additional risk management requirements (related to petroleum sector), and lead on the development of risk managements instruments related to petroleum sector



Petroleum Sector Stream Approach

- ~160 high priority petroleum substances were set aside from the Challenge due to:
 - Large number of substances
 - Substances that are primarily, if not exclusively, related to the petroleum sector
 - Most are complex mixtures that may need to be considered differently from discrete substances
- It is expected that the majority of the petroleum substances are intermediate process streams (limited to petroleum sector facility sites)

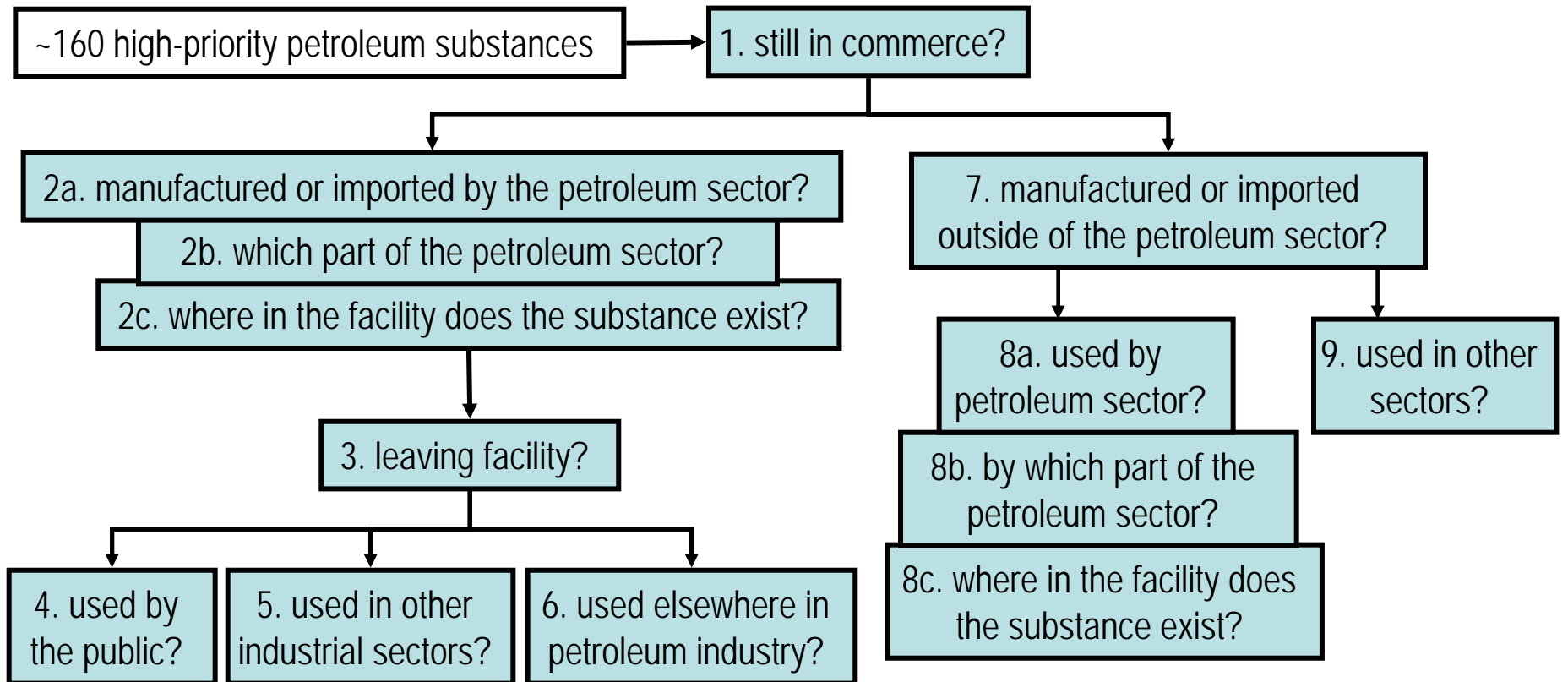


Petroleum Sector Stream Workplan

- The expectation is that the majority of these substances will be addressed according to the same timeline as the Challenge
- Current activities and next steps for the ~160 High Priority Petroleum Substances include:
 - Information Gathering
 - gather all available information so that informed decisions are made
 - Using Mandatory Survey, contracts and voluntary information submissions
 - Screening Assessments
 - Compile and analyze data to determine if substances pose any risks
 - Risk Management
 - Identify additional risk management requirements
 - Develop risk managements instruments as needed



Current Thinking on Information Gathering - Questions we need to answer



10. releases?
from where, to
where, how
much

11. hazards?
properties of
substances

12. exposure
to the
substance?

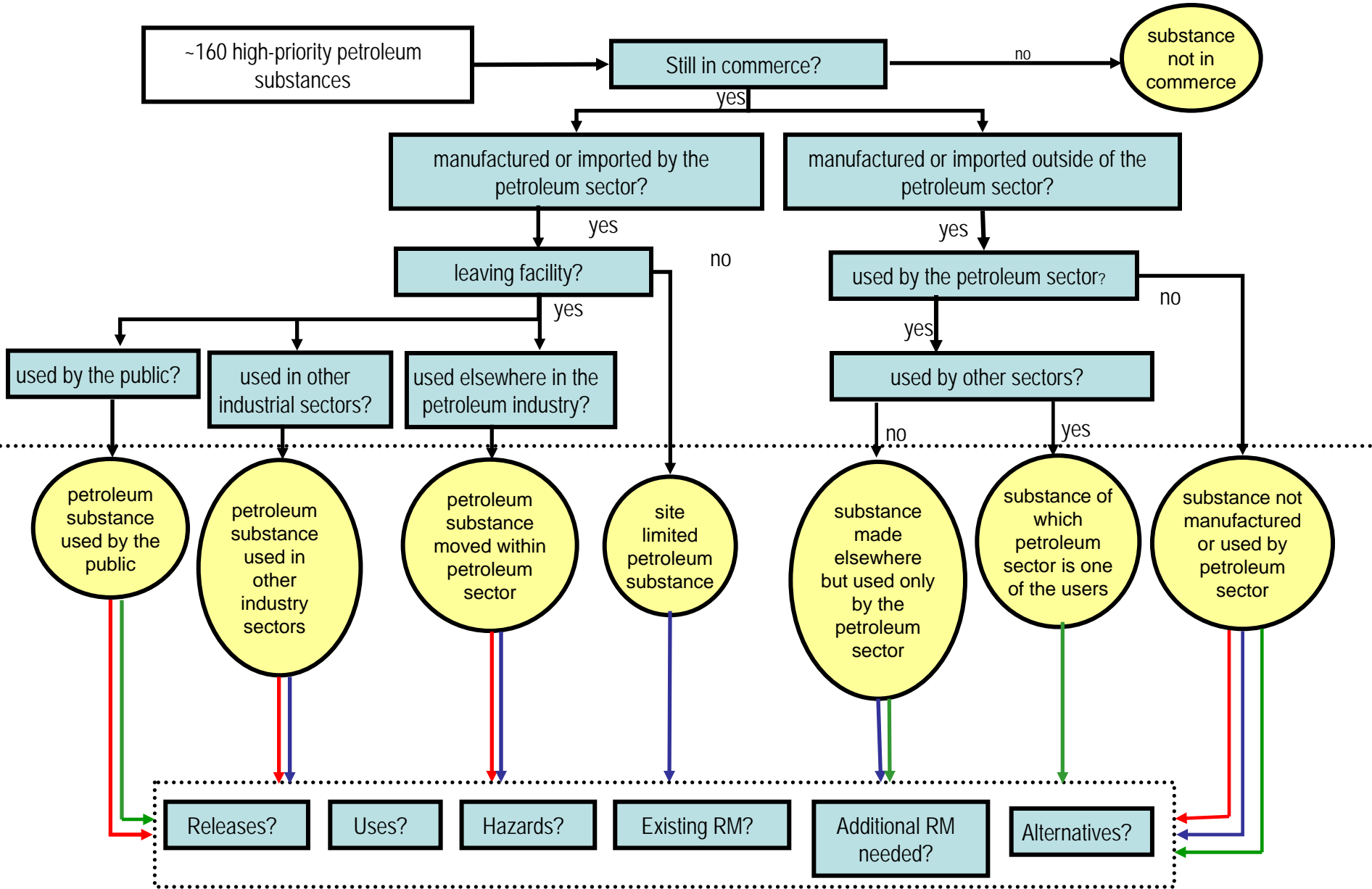
13. existing
RM?
how are
substances
handled

14. are
there any
RM
gaps?

15. uses?
for what
purpose?

16. do
alternatives
exist ?

Screening Assessment and Risk Management Approach may vary depending on end-point of substances



→ = Possible substance specific approach?
 → = Possible Group-based Approach?
 → = Integrated with other sector work?

Opportunities

- Because we're using an approach that is specific to the petroleum sector, efficiencies can be found
- Opportunity to work with stakeholders to deal with large number of substances in a more innovative and efficient way
 - Focus data gathering efforts
 - Utilize existing expertise (both industry and non-industry)
 - Group similar substances for assessment & management
 - Identify potential synergies with other initiatives / Existing measures under other programs



Opportunities cont'd – e.g. Working with Industry on to Focus Data Collection Efforts

- Have held a number of targeted meetings with industry
 - to determine the scope of the task and discuss data collection
- Met first with major associations: CAPP & CPPI
 - Discussed data collection options such as mandatory survey, contracts, voluntary information, etc.
 - To understand the implications involved with each option (e.g. there is a staggering number of facilities in upstream portion of the sector)
- Determined that the majority of the PSSA substances are manufactured in refineries and upgraders, and not in extraction
 - Formed a sub-group of refiners and upgraders to discuss data collection
 - Cross-over of sub-sectors and associations
 - Also engaged non-member companies
 - Worked together to develop and refine a targeted, mandatory survey
 - Currently working together on remaining data collection activities
 - Also meeting with other parts of the sector
 - e.g. continue to voluntarily gather information from upstream portion



Questions?

- Further info can be found at: <http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca> and click on link to 'The Petroleum Sector Stream Approach'
- If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me:

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