THE GREAT LAKES BINATIONAL TOXICS STRATEGY

Benzo(a)Pyrene and Hexachlorobenzene

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B(a)P and HCB Challenge Goals

<u>Canada</u>

- Seek a 90% reduction in releases
- By 2000

United States

- Seek reductions in releases that are within, or have the potential to enter, the Great Lakes Basin
- By 2006





Progress Toward the Challenge Goals

- Both Canada and the U.S. have achieved reductions
- The U.S. has satisfied its commitment
 - B(a)P emissions in Great Lakes States reduced by ~77% from 1996 to 2001
 - HCB emissions reduced from 1990 to 1999, and further by 2002 (28% reduction from 1999-2002)
- Canada continues to pursue its goal, but it is unlikely that 90% reduction goal will be met by 2007
 - B(a)P releases reduced by ~49%, relative to 1988
 - HCB releases reduced by ~68%, relative to 1988





Recent B(a)P Activities – United States

Residential Wood Combustion

- Artificial Wax Firelog Testing Completed
- Wood Stove Change-out Program completed in SW PA (Pittsburgh) in Fall 2005 and Dayton, Ohio, in August 2006
- Two Burn-It-Smart Workshops held in Michigan in February 2006
- Conducted 4 Tribal workshops in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan in September with Canadian First Nations Burn-it-Smart trainers





Recent B(a)P Activities – United States (Cont'd)

Scrap Tires

- GIS mapping and tire pile inventories prepared for Great Lakes States
- Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook completed January 2006 and on-line training has been developed
- Best Practices training held in Philadelphia for Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware and in Alabama and South Dakota
- Scrap tire forums held in Chicago, and Lansing, MI





Recent B(a)P Activities – United States (Cont'd)

Coke Ovens

- Pushing, Quenching, and Combustion Stack MACT went into effect in April 2006, and Residual Risk requirements for doors, lids, offtakes and charging went into effect in July 2005
- U.S. EPA has been working with Environment Canada and the Ministry of the Environment on an emission reduction and monitoring program at Algoma Steel in Ontario
- Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative





Recent HCB Activities – United States

- Burn Barrel reduction work ongoing through Burn Barrel Subgroup
- Ongoing effort to confirm lower levels of HCB in pesticide products
- Substantial emission reductions from several major chemical companies
- Phase one of HCB Inventory has been completed





Outlook – United States

- US meeting its commitments for B(a)P and HCB
- Planned HCB Activities
 - Special HCB Inventory Study Funded phase two to be completed by Spring 2007
 - Continue soliciting voluntary chemical company reductions





Outlook – United States (continued)

Planned B(a)P Activities

- Additional Wood Stove Change-out Scheduled for Dayton, Ohio
- Additional Tribal Burn-It-Smart Workshops will be put on
- Reduction activities planned for wood-fired boilers
- Scrap Tire Piles will continue to be inventoried
- Great Lakes Commission will target B(a)P Inventory
- Additional coke oven emission reduction requirements will be implemented





Recent Activities - Canada

<u>B(a)P:</u>

- Residential Wood Combustion
 - Conventional wood stove testing
 - First Nations Brochure
 - Outdoor wood boilers preliminary survey
 - Show participation
 - Workshop accreditation

HCB:

HCB Modeling Project





Outlook - Canada

- HCB releases are very low (~17 kg (37 lbs))
 - **Pesticides (#1 source):** Promote further reductions
 - Burn Barrels (#2 source): Update residential waste generation data
 - Ferric/Ferrous Chloride (#3 source): Update information on sewage sludge





Outlook – Canada (continued)

- Will not meet B(a)P goal by 2007
 - Iron & Steel (#1 source): Beyond Canadian Environmental Code of Practice
 - Creosote Railway Ties (#2 source): In-service railway ties; Industrial Treated Wood Users Guidance Document
 - Wood Stoves (#3 source): Workshops with retailer support; EPA-certified stoves testing; Outdoor Wood Boiler Survey
 - Source Receptor Modeling



