

An aerial photograph of a coastal region, likely the North American Sound area. The land is green and hilly, with a complex network of roads and waterways. The water is a deep blue, and the coastline is irregular. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Commission for  
Environmental  
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North American  
Sound  
Management of  
Chemicals (SMOC)  
Program

# Chemicals Management in North America

- Chemical industry is important in Canada, Mexico, United States
- Sound management of chemicals is critical to human health, environment, global competitiveness
- Key opportunities exist for leadership in chemicals management

***CEC provides a valuable forum for chemicals management in North America.***



# CEC Sound Management of Chemicals Agenda 1995–2005

- Aligning North American priorities for chemicals management
- Implementing North American Regional Action Plans (NARAPs) as top priorities
  - chlordane, DDT, PCBs,
  - mercury, dioxins/furans and lindane
  - environmental monitoring and assessment
- Helping the three countries to advance international objectives



# Renewed Approach (2006–2020)

- Re-aligning with Council direction and existing domestic and international activities
  - Focus on sectors and compatible efforts (Strategies for Catalyzing Cooperation)
- Actively involving stakeholders as partners
- Leveraging our resources
- Helping Parties advance regional international objectives (SAICM, WSSD 2020 Goals, SPP\*)
- Cross-linking with other CEC programs



# Path Forward

- Initial activities under new approach:
  - Development of Chemicals Inventory for Mexico (workshop currently underway)
  - Pilot projects in strategic sectors
  - Support for regulatory/non-regulatory initiatives
  - Stakeholder workshops for further issue identification

