

Annual Meeting of the North American Working Group on Environmental Enforcement and Compliance Cooperation (EWG)

June 15–16 2004 Montreal, Quebec

<u>June 15th</u>

Location: CEC Room "A"

9:30 - 10:00 Arrival of participants and distribution of documents

10:00 - 10:10 Official opening of the meeting

Welcome – Paula Caldwell, Chair of the EWG Introduction of participants Approval of the agenda Welcome – JPAC

Overview of Current Trends and Developments

10:10 - 10:20 Secretariat Update

The Secretariat will brief the EWG on recent project developments within the Secretariat and program areas where collaboration work could be considered by the group.

Goal: to identify potential areas of collaboration with other CEC programs

10:20 – 10:50 Overview of Enforcement and Compliance Trends and Developments in North America

Government agencies will brief the group on current activities taking place within their programs and on trends for consideration on the EWG agenda.

Goal: to identify common enforcement priorities within the Parties' agendas that could be addressed in the group's current projects or considered for future EWG work.

10:50 - 11:20 Discussion period

11:20 - 11:40 Break

Enforcement Cooperation Program 2004

11:40 – 1:00 Progress Report on Ongoing EWG Projects

The group will review the status of its current projects and will make decisions on next steps.

11:40 **Wildlife Enforcement:** report from NAWEG on the outcomes of its intelligence led enforcement seminar and the group's meeting in Calgary.

Goal: to identify priority issues for wildlife enforcement cooperation in North America in the coming years

- 12:00 **CEMDA Border Training:** provide an overview of the training provided in Juarez on May 13th and 14th on import-export enforcement issues and how that training could be used as a starting point for CEC involvement in the "Green Customs Issues."
- 12:20 **Judicial Training:** review status of the preparatory work for the Peace University Seminar and evaluate a side EWG meeting.

Goal: to identify EWG members for the advisory group, suggest topics for the seminar and EWG side meeting agendas, identify potential speakers and invitees.

12:30 **Vessels Pollution:** report on the outcomes of the Halifax meeting and evaluate next steps for the EWG project.

Goal: designate EWG responsible for the project, approve outline for a background document and scope ideas for a tri-national initiative.

1:00 – 2:00 Lunch provided by the CEC.

2:00 – 2:45 Border Compliance Center

Presentation on the scope of the project and status report.

Goal: provide feedback on the overall project and ideas for next steps

2:45 - 3:30 Hazardous Waste

Presentation on the scope of the project and status report.

Goal: provide feedback on the overall project and ideas for next steps

3:30 – 4:00 EWG Draft Strategic Plan

The group is to review the final draft and engage in a discussion regarding the best approaches to implement it.

Goal: Designate responsible to prepare draft letter to direct final document to Council and JPAC. Outline ideas

4:00 - 4:15 Break

4:15 - 4:45 Additional Issues

The group will address any additional issues not included in the days agenda

4:45 – 5:15 Closing remarks and observations, JPAC and Country Representatives

5:15 - 5:30 Wrap-up

The EWG Chair will a wrap-up of the day's discussions.

7:30 Group Dinner – Location to be announced

June 16 th Location: CEC Room "A"	
8:00 - 8:30	Arrival of participants, distribution of documents
8:30 - 8:45	Official Opening of Meeting and Approval of Agenda
8:45 – 9:45	Publications: Transboundary Enforcement, ODS, Wildlife–Tim Whitehouse The group will review current publications under development and comment on the idea of publishing the EWG reports under an enforcement booklet series and review a proposed methodology for developing enforcement publications.
9:45 – 10:15	Update on the CEC SMOC Program – Luke Tripp Program Manager, SMOC
9:15 – 10:45	Update on the Biodiversity Program – Hans Herman, Program Heac, Conservation and Biodiversity
10:45 – 11:00	Break
Enforcement Cooperation Program 2005	
11:00 – 11:20	Budget Report and Relocation of Uncommitted Expenditures Review the budget status and discuss budget issues.
	Goal: project the EWG expenditures to close out the 2004 budget.
11:20 – 12:20	Projects/activities to be considered in the group's future work plan. The group is to identify and reach consensus on the initiatives they would like to propose to the Council for next year.
12:20 – 1:00	Lunch provided by the CEC.
1:00 – 2:00	Continuation of Projects/activities discussion
2:00 – 3:00 ·	Governance Issues
3:00 – 3:45	INECE Meeting
3:45 – 4:00	Wrap-up and closing remarks
	 EWG Chair will provide a wrap-up of the day's discussions. Brief closing remarks by each country's chief representative, JPAC, and the CEC.