

Call for Speakers – October Mexican Pollution Prevention Roundtable

Topics of Interest: Environmental Management Systems and Environmental Performance

Montreal, 27 June 2003—The Commission for Environmental Cooperation is seeking presentations related to environmental management systems and environmental performance. The presentations will be given at the upcoming 2003 Mexican Pollution Prevention Roundtable in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 1–3 October 2003.

The presentations should address any of the topics listed at the end of this announcement. They should be no more than 15 minutes long and will be delivered as part of a panel discussion.

Please submit a two-page prospectus or outline of the proposed presentation. Be sure to include your name, organization, address, phone number and e-mail address on the proposal, as well as a brief biography. Send your proposal via e-mail to Tim Whitehouse, Head, Law and Policy Program, Commission for Environmental Cooperation at: twhitehouse@ccemtl.org.

Proposed presentation descriptions are due by 15 July 2003. You will be notified no later than August 1 whether you have been selected as a presenter. Notifications will be sent electronically whenever possible and a confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your proposal.

Travel assistance will be available on an as-needed basis. Speakers attending the conference will be given the opportunity to register for the discounted speaker fee of US\$100.

Topics:

- Environmental Management Systems (EMS): Innovative efforts and programs in Canada, Mexico and the US
- EMS auditor protocols
- Performance-based auditing
- EMS for small to medium-size enterprises
- New and emerging sector initiatives, such as port authorities, meat processing, electronics and others
- Evaluation and measurement
- Building sustainability plans into an EMS
- Local government initiatives
- Impacts on NAFTA
- EMS and labor
- EMS and nongovernmental organizations

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