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Subject: Comments on "Crossing the Border"

Tim

I am disappointed to find that the "Crossing the Border" report does not make any reference to public access to information about transboundary movement of hazardous waste.

I think that it is essential that a section be added to this report on public access to information. The types of questions that should be addressed are:

- 1) Does the public, especially those living in the community that the waste is proposed to be sent to, have access to this information prior to a decision about approval for the shipment being given?
- 2) Does the public have the opportunity to provide comments to the government prior to determination on whether consent will be given?
- 3) Does the public have access to reports after the shipments have been sent to know exactly what, how much, from where the materials were sent, and who the generator of the waste was?
- 4) Does the government provide to the public an annual report on actual shipments of waste into and out of the country? If so, what types of information does this report give?

I urge you to add a research piece to the report that answers these questions. This would be a very useful addition to the report.

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