



Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America

**Annual Meeting of the Consultative Group for the
North American Pollutant Release and Transfer Register
(PRTR) Project**

20-21 October 2004, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

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Provisional Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday, 20 October 2004

8:00 Registration

9:00 Welcoming remarks – *Douglas Wright, Director of Programs*

9:05 Introductions and overview of meeting agenda and objectives: *Victor Shantora, Head, Pollutants and Health*

Session I: Program Updates

9:15 Country Updates
(for each country: 15 minute presentation followed by a 15 minute discussion)

Canada: National Pollutant Release Inventory- *François Lavallée, Environment Canada*

Mexico: *Registro de Emisiones y Transferencias de Contaminantes-*
Maricruz Rodriguez Gallegos, SEMARNAT

United States: U.S. Toxics Release Inventory- *John Dombrowski/ Michelle Price, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

10:45 Break

11:15 Results of the CEC's 10-year review; outcomes of the June Council meeting - *Doug Wright*

11:30 Update on CEC PRTR activities

- Recent and upcoming *Taking Stock* reports and website
- Action Plan to Enhance the Comparability of PRTRs in North America
- Future activities
- Discussion

12:00 Update on the CEC Air Quality Project on North American Power Plant emissions—
Paul Miller, Program Coordinator

- Discussion

12:30 Lunch (*provided by the CEC for registered participants*)

Session II: Case Examples of Industry Action

Industry has a key role to play in tracking PRTR data and acting upon opportunities for improvement. During this session, speakers from industrial sectors in Canada, Mexico and the United States will discuss their activities to improve PRTR reporting and strengthen environmental performance. Opportunities for further sharing experiences and approaches will then be explored.

13:30 Industry Action in Canada – *Catherine Cobden, Forest Products Association of Canada*
(15 minute presentation followed by a 15 minute discussion)

14:00 Industry Action in Mexico -- *Maria de Lourdes Ugarte Bazán, Volkswagen de Mexico*
(15 minute presentation followed by a 15 minute discussion)

14:30 Industry Action in the United States – *Randy Armstrong, Shell Oil, Norco Refinery*
(15 minute presentation followed by a 15 minute discussion)

15:00 Break

15:30 Roundtable discussion of opportunities for sharing industry expertise/experience across borders

Session III: Opportunities for the *Taking Stock* report

16:00 Key trends in recent *Taking Stock* reports and discussion

16:30 Presentation and discussion of Opportunities for *Taking Stock 2003*

- Opportunity 1: Focus on the “back door”
- Opportunity 2: Pollution prevention reporting

17:20 Recap of Day 1

17:30 Close of Day 1

18:00 Social hour - Wine and Cheese

Day 2: Thursday, 21 October 2004

9:00 Opening of meeting

Session III: Opportunities for the *Taking Stock* report, *continued*

9:10 Presentation and discussion of Opportunities for *Taking Stock 2003 (continued)*

- Opportunity 3: Sector analysis
- Opportunity 4: New approaches for categorizing substances
- Opportunity 5: Link to DUNS data

10:30 Break

11:00 Presentation and discussion of Opportunities for *Taking Stock 2003 (continued)*

- Opportunity 6: Increase geographic presentation
- Opportunity 7: Your ideas

12:10 Solicitation of ideas for next year's meeting

12:25 Wrap-up;

12:30 Close of meeting