



Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America

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

**November 2006
San Diego, California, USA**

Agenda

Day 1: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome

Adrián Vázquez, Executive Director, CEC

*Enrique Manzanilla, Director, Communities and Ecosystems Division, U.S. EPA,
Region 9*

Keith Pezzoli, Professor, University of California at San Diego

Session I: Program Updates

10:00 Overview and Progress on the CEC's PRTR Program – *Keith Chanon,
Program Manager – PRTR, CEC*

10:30 Country Updates

*(representatives from each country will give presentations of approximately 15
minutes, to be followed by a discussion period)*

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

11:00 15-minute break

11:15 México: Registro de Emisiones y Transferencias de Contaminantes -
Maricruz Rodríguez Gallegos, Director, Industrial Regulation and RETC, SEMARNAT

11:45 United States: Toxics Release Inventory- *Ben Smith, Associate Director, TRI Program Division, Office of Environmental Information, U.S. EPA*

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 **First Trilateral Picture of Releases and Transfers** – *Sarah Rang, Consultant, CEC*

Analysis of data from México's RETC/ U.S. TRI/ Canadian NPRI

- Matched chemicals and industries
- Overview of releases and transfers in North America
- What we have learned about the importance of comparable data

Session II: Cross-border Industry Initiatives Towards Comparability and Uses of PRTR Data

Moderator: Jeffrey Burke, Executive Director, National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (U.S.)

15:00 Aluminum Association of Canada - *Grace Barrasso, Director of Sustainable Development, Health and Safety*

15:20 **15-minute break**

15:35 Ricoh Electronics (U.S.) – *Eiko Risch, Division Manager, Kaizen and Sustainability Promotion Office*

15:55 Daimler Chrysler (Toluca, México) - *Beatriz Lopez Linares, Superintendent, Environment Control*

16:15 Discussion

17:00 **Wrap-up of Day 1**

18:30 **Networking Reception**

Overview of US-México Border 2012 Program – *Tomas Torres, Director, EPA San Diego Border Office*

Day 2: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

8:30 **Welcome**

Session III: PRTRs, Tribal and Indigenous Communities, and Public Health

Incorporating PRTR data in assessing community health:

Moderator: Maite Cortés, Executive Director, Colectivo Ecologista Jalisco

8:40 Mapping risk of exposure to contaminants among aboriginal communities in Canada - *Dr. Laurie Chan, Professor, Univ. Northern British Columbia*

9:00 Considering children's health in analyses of PRTR data - *Dr. Alvaro Osornio, National Institute of Cancer, México*

9:20 Panel Discussion

10:00 **15-minute break**

Use of PRTR data in tribal and indigenous communities – 2 case studies:

Moderator: Amy Nahwegahbow, Research and Policy Analyst, Environmental Stewardship Unit, Assembly of First Nations

10:15 Great Lakes region (Canada-U.S.) - *Ron Plain, Chair, Aamjiwnaang First Nation Environment Committee*

10:35 U.S.-México Border region - *Paula Stigler, Air Quality Specialist, Pala Band of Mission Indians - EPA*

11:05 Panel Discussion

12:00 **Lunch**

Session IV: Opportunities for Taking Stock

13:00 Promoting *Taking Stock*

- Results of the August 30, 2006 meeting in Montréal: Promoting *Taking Stock* and *Taking Stock Online* – *Danielle Vallée, Consultant, CEC*
- Presentation of proposed enhancements to the *Taking Stock* website – *Evan Lloyd, Director of Communications, CEC*

14:00 *Taking Stock 2005*: Feature Chapter

- Proposals and Discussion
 - CEC Atlas project – *Cody Rice, Program Manager, Environmental Information, CEC*

15:00 **15-minute break**

- Continuation of Proposals and Discussion

17:00 **Meeting Wrap-up**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
**SPECIAL SESSION FOR TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS
REPRESENTATIVES AND GOVERNMENTS**

[CLOSED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC]

8:30 **Welcome**

CEC Programs and Engagement of Indigenous/Tribal Communities – *Doug Wright, Director of Programs, CEC*

Introductions and overview of meeting agenda and objectives – *Keith Chanon, Program Manager – PRTR, CEC*

Hands-On Demonstration of PRTR Databases

9:00 United States: Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

9:20 Canada: National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI)

9:40 México: Registro de Emisiones y Transferencias de Contaminantes (RETC)

10:00 Other PRTR databases in North America - *Jennifer Foulds, Communications Director, Environmental Defence*

10:15 CEC (N.A.): *Taking Stock Online*

10:30 **15-minute break**

Identification of Chemical Information Needs of Tribal and Indigenous Communities and Opportunities for Cross-Border Collaboration

Moderator: Nina Hapner, Executive Director, Native American Environmental Protection Coalition

10:45 Overview of Indigenous Environmental Perspectives in México - *Leopoldo Anaya Rascón, Delegado Baja California, Comisión Nacional para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas – México*

11:00 Environmental Challenges among Baja California's tribal communities – *Javier Ceseña, President, Instituto de Culturas Nativas de BCAC (CUNA)*

11:15 Sharing of Indigenous Knowledge - *Carol Jorgensen, Director, American Indian Environmental Office, EPA*

11:30 **Roundtable Discussion - Suggestions for Ongoing Collaboration**

13:00 **Wrap-up**

13:15 **Lunch (End of Meeting)**