

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**

Draft Agenda

Day 1: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

8:30 Registration

**9:00 Welcoming remarks – *Adrian Vazquez, Executive Director, CEC*
Introductions and overview of meeting agenda and objectives – *Keith Chanon, Program Manager, PRTRs, CEC***

9:30 Welcome and presentation by a local community representative

Session I: Program Updates

10:00 Progress on the CEC's PRTR Program – *Keith Chanon*

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, Environment Canada*

11:00 15-minute break

**11:15 Mexico: Registro de Emisiones y Transferencias de Contaminantes -
*Maricruz Rodriguez Gallegos, SEMARNAT***

11:45 United States: Toxics Release Inventory- *Ben Smith, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

12:30 Lunch

13:30 First Trilateral Picture of Releases and Transfers – TBD

Analysis of Mexico's RETC/ US TRI/ Canadian NPRI data

- 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

14:30 Industry Sector Presentations

(industry sector representatives will each give a short presentation, to be followed by a discussion period)

Wrap-up of Day 1

Evening Reception

Day 2: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

Session III: PRTRs and Indigenous Communities

9:00 Presentations

(this session will comprise presentations highlighting the relevance of PRTR data to indigenous communities across North America)

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

- Great Lakes region (Canada-U.S.), *Ron Plain, Aamjiwnaang First Nation*
- U.S.-Mexico Border region, *Paula Stigler, Pala Band of Mission Indians*

Panel Discussion

Incorporating PRTR data in assessing community health:

- Mapping risk of exposure to contaminants among aboriginal communities in Canada, *Dr. Laurie Chan, Univ. of Northern British Columbia*
- Considering children's health in analyses of PRTR data, *Dr. Alvaro Osornio, National Institute of Cancer, Mexico*

Panel Discussion

12:30 Lunch

Session IV: Opportunities for *Taking Stock*

13:30 Promoting *Taking Stock*

- Presentation of results from the August 30 meeting in Montréal
- Presentation of proposed enhancements to the *Taking Stock* website
- Key results from *Taking Stock 2003*

15:00 *Taking Stock 2005: Feature Chapter*

- Proposals

(15-minute break)

- Discussion

Wrap-up

