



Project to Advance the Use of PRTR Data to Promote Environmental Improvements in North America Ad Hoc PRTR Group Results

Commision for Environmental Cooperation of North America
Group Meeting for PRTR Project in North America



● PRTR Ad Hoc Group

- Started after March 2001, meeting of the consultative Group for NACEC's PRTR Project.
 - SCOPE
 - The relationship among PRTR's and economic and social trends
 - Examples of PRTR use in identifying cost savings and production efficiencies
 - Communicating PRTR information



● Project Goals:

- To assist Mexico in moving towards a mandatory reporting system.
- To increase public understanding and awareness of PRTR data.
- To promote trilateral cooperation among industry, government, NGOs and academia.
- To foster uses of PRTR data to improve transparency, build trust, promote improvements and demonstrate progress.



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● Group Projects

- Estimating reductions from a mandatory reporting system in Mexico.
- Demonstrating cost savings and production efficiencies from PRTRs.
- Encouraging connections among industry in Canada, US and Mexico.
- Linking PRTR data to economic and social and health measures.



PRTR BROCHURE



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- ❑ **Knowledge, therefore control, of Emissions Wastestreams and Transferred substances**
 - ❑ **Improves production efficiency**
 - ❑ **Costs savings for industries**
 - ❑ **Helps communicate to society**
 - ❑ **Improves relationships and builds trust among industry, society and government**
 - ❑ **Better health for families and communities**
 - ❑ **International Agreements**



● RETC IN MEXICO

- PRTR should not become a burden, but a useful tool.
- PRTR should not become pure bureaucracy, should be useful to industries and society
- PRTR can provide social, economic, health and environmental benefits.



● CONCLUSION

- ❖ RETC is a powerful tool that must be and will be mandatory in Mexico, not as another bureaucratic process, but as an excellent way for implementing a EMS.
- ❖ NGO's and Industries must play an important role.