

# Update

## Substance Selection Task Force

14<sup>th</sup> SMOC Meeting  
Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico  
October 16-18, 2002

# SSTF Process

- **Transparent Process – Periodic Review**
- **Identification – Candidates**
  - **Persistent, Toxic, and Bioaccumulative Substances and Certain Heavy Metals**
- **Stage I or Nomination Stage**
  - **Standard Information Prepared by 1 or More Parties**

# SSTF Process – Stage II

- **Stage II – Evaluation Stage**
  - **Part A – Screening Evaluation –**
    - **Environmental Releases**
    - **Transboundary Transport**
    - **Persistence**
    - **Bioaccumulation**

# SSTF Process – Stage II (continued)

## – Part B – Mutual Concern Evaluation

- **Nature and Extent of Risk to Human Health or Environment**
- **NA Transboundary Transport – Evidence and Extent**
- **NA Benefits – Degree - Human Health and environment**

# SSTF Process – Stage III

- **Stage III – Decision Stage**
  - **NARAP Development or**
  - **Alternative Action or**
  - **No Action**

# Implementation Considerations

- **Available Public Health or Environmental Measures to Reduce Risk**
- **Benefits (health and environment) vs reduced availability or loss.**
- **Food production**
- **Alternatives**
- **Societal Capacity for Change**
- **Implications – Economy and Trade**
- **Costs and Benefits of Control Measures**
- **National Capacity, regulatory opportunities, international commitments.**

# SSTF Update on Lead

- **April, 1998 – Nomination Dossier**
- **Mutual Concern Stage (IIB)**
  - Long Range Transboundary Transport
  - Lead Isotope Ratio Studies – Characteristic for Mined Source
  - October, 1999 – Document Prepared and Approved by SSTF
- **Mutual Concern Statement to SMOC  
June 2002**

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- **Mutual Concern Document: Areas of Emphasis**
  - **Children**
  - **Monitoring**
    - **Environmental**
    - **Biomonitoring**
  - **Pollution Prevention/Risk Reduction**



# Next Steps

- **Decision Document: Public Consultation (45 days) Spring 2003**
- **SSTF Forwards Final Draft Decision Document and its Recommendations to SMOC: April 2003**
- **Discussion/Endorsement by SMOC on Final Draft: April 2003**
- **Recommendations for Consideration by Council June 2003**