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**Joint Public Meeting of the Sound Management of Chemicals (SMOC)
Program and the Consultative Group for the North American Pollutant
Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) Project**

17 October 2002

Leones Room
Hotel Villa Bejar, Av. Domingo Diez No. 2350
Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico

Agenda

Moderator: Victor Shantora

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 Opening remarks and overview of meeting objectives—*Victor Shantora, Acting Executive Director, CEC*
- 9:10 Update on SMOC activities—*William Sanders, Chair of SMOC Working Group; José Carlos Tenorio, CEC SMOC Program Manager*
- North American Regional Action Plan (NARAP) implementation activities;
 - Update on publications and increased access to data via website;
 - Lead discussion document;
 - Leveraging activities: blood monitoring;
 - Environmental Monitoring and Assessment NARAP;
 - PCB legislation in Mexico; Spring workshop planned;
 - Introduction of Adrian Fernandez, new SMOC Chair
- 10:15 Update on PRTR activities—*Erica Phipps, CEC PRTR Program Manager*
- Review of previous day;
 - Highlights of the *Action Plan to Enhance Comparability Among PRTRs in North America*;
 - Status of PRTR reporting on SMOC chemicals
- 10:40 The effects of toxic chemicals on children's health—*Irena Buka, Chair of the CEC's Expert Advisory Board on Children's Health and the Environment in North America*
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Update on CEC Article 13 report on the electricity sector and air emissions inventory activities—*Paul Miller, CEC Air Quality Program Manager*

11:30 Opportunities for SMOC-PRTR linkages on Mercury

- Update on Mercury NARAP implementation— *Gustavo Solorzano*
- National mercury inventories for Canada, Mexico and the United States—*Gildardo Acosta and Mike Inskip*
- PRTR reporting on mercury in North America—*Catherine Miller, consultant to the CEC*

Ideas and suggestions from participants on possible SMOC-PRTR linkages on mercury; discussion

13:00 Lunch (*provided by the CEC for registered participants*)

14:00 Opportunities for SMOC-PRTR linkages on Dioxins, Furans and Hexachlorobenzene

- Status of the NARAP on dioxins, furans and hexachlorobenzene—*Dwain Winters*
- National dioxin and furan inventories for Canada, Mexico and the US—*Alfonso Garcia and Alan Penn*
- PRTR reporting on dioxins, furans and hexachlorobenzene in North America—*Catherine Miller*

Ideas and suggestions from participants on possible SMOC-PRTR linkages on dioxins, furans and hexachlorobenzene; discussion

15:30 Break

15:45 Exploring other opportunities for SMOC-PRTR collaboration

Participants will be invited to provide ideas and suggestions on possible SMOC-PRTR linkages, for example:

- Strategies for addressing groups or categories of chemicals that are of common concern;
- Using PRTR data to identify potential areas for trilateral action;
- Possible linkages between PRTR and the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment NARAP;
- Promoting reporting and action on chemicals covered under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs);
- The proposed trilateral challenge program to foster reductions by industries across North America in the release and transfer of substances of common concern (referenced in Council Resolution 02-05);
- Other ideas

Open discussion

16:55 Wrap-up and next steps

17:00 Close of meeting

19:00 Cocktail reception (hosted by the CEC)