

CEC Update on PRTR Activities



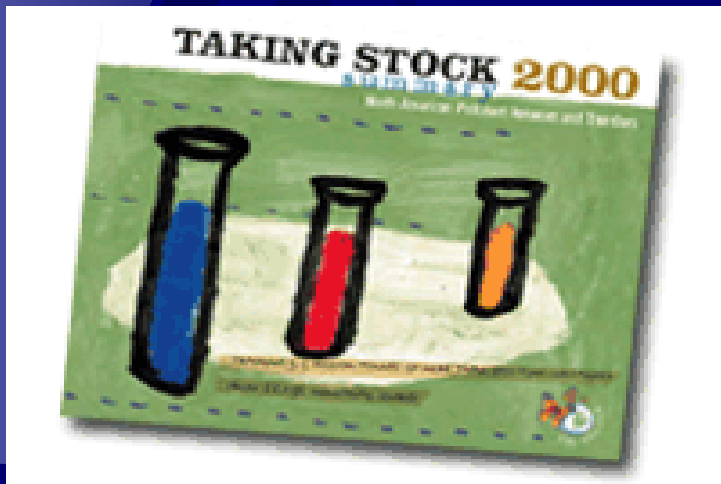
**Meeting of the Consultative Group for the
North American PRTR Project
Montreal, Quebec
20-21 October 2004**

Victor Shantora, Head, Pollutants and Health
Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America

CEC Update

- ★ Recent and upcoming *Taking Stock* reports and website
- ★ Enhancing comparability among PRTRs in North America
- ★ Update on draft report on toxics and children's health
- ★ Future activities

Taking Stock



- ★ Annual report tracks releases and transfers of some 200 chemicals from industrial facilities
- ★ Draws upon US TRI and Canadian NPRI; will include Mexican RETC data in future
- ★ Based upon “matched” data set

The *Taking Stock* Report Series

- ★ *Taking Stock 2001*, published 2 June 2004
- ★ *Taking Stock 2002*, in preparation
- ★ *Taking Stock 2003*, consultations ongoing

Taking Stock 2002

- ★ Special section on criteria air contaminants
- ★ Trend analyses:
 - Eight years of data for manufacturing facilities (1995-2002)
 - Five years of data for all matched facilities (1998-2002)
- ★ Analyses of chemicals of concern, with a special focus on lead, other PBTs, health-based lists

Consultations for *Taking Stock 2003*

- ✦ Consultative Group meeting, 20-21 October
- ✦ National PRTR officials meeting, 21-22 October
- ✦ Written comments due 22 November
- ✦ Meeting summary and “Response to Comments” document

Taking Stock On-line



TAKING STOCK **2000**
online

Tracking 3.3 million tonnes of more than 200 toxic substances
From 22,036 industrial sources

QueryBuilder
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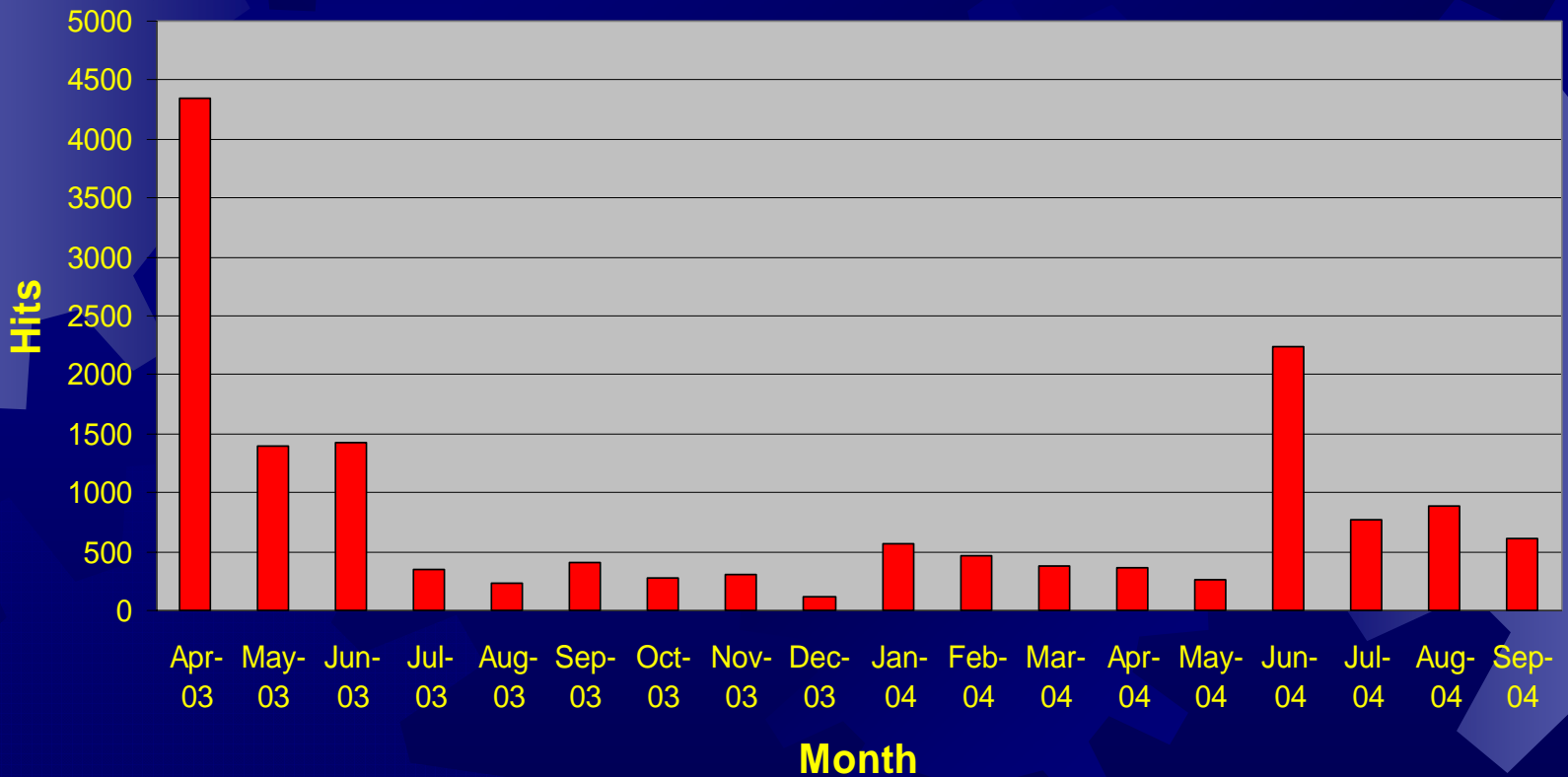
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Users can generate their own queries of the matched data sets used in *Taking Stock* on the web at:

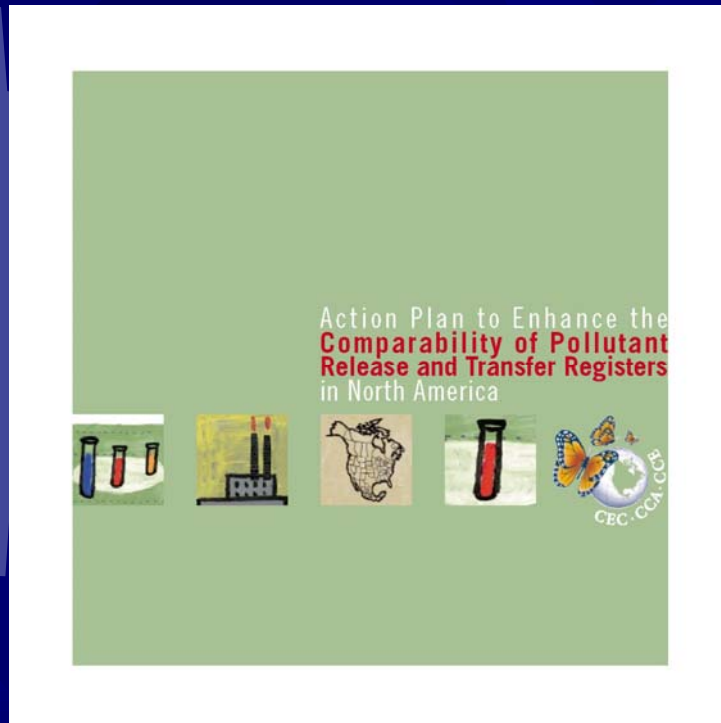
www.cec.org/takingstock/

Taking Stock On-line

**Visits to Taking Stock On-Line "Query Builder"
(April 2003 - September 2004)**



Enhancing Comparability



- ★ *Action Plan to Enhance Comparability Among PRTRs in North America* adopted by Council in 2002 (Res. 02-05)
- ★ PRTR officials currently updating the Plan
- ★ Suggestions are welcome

Enhancing Comparability – Mexico

- ✦ Mandatory status of RETC is major step towards trilateral comparability
- ✦ Ongoing development of RETC substance list and reporting thresholds is key opportunity
- ✦ CEC Secretariat, NPRI and TRI officials providing information, capacity building support

Report on Toxics & Children's Health

- ★ Draft report on toxics and children's health, utilizing PRTR data, was released for public comment in April 2004
- ★ 28 sets of comments received from stakeholders
- ★ Expert review panel is being convened to guide further development of the report
- ★ Final report anticipated Fall 2005
- ★ Draft report and public comments available at: <www.cec.org>

Future Activities – Improving CEC's Public Forum on PRTRs

- ★ Opportunities for improving the format and relevance of Consultative Group meetings and the *Taking Stock* consultations
- ★ Your ideas are needed on:
 - Improving stakeholder engagement
 - Possible convening of Research Symposium on PRTR Data Use
 - Other ways to improve trilateral dialogue and collaboration on PRTR through the CEC forum

Future Activities – PRTRs and Indigenous Groups

- ★ CEC priority to increase relevance of its programs to indigenous groups
- ★ Special project in preparation on PRTRs and indigenous populations
- ★ Project will map indigenous populations and PRTR facilities as means to explore potential relevance of PRTR information to indigenous communities
- ★ Focus on border regions



Future Activities – Staffing Update

- ☀ New PRTR Program Manager soon to be on board