

Update on PRTR Activities



Meeting of the Consultative Group for the
North American PRTR Project and
Workshop to Implement RETC
Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico,
17-18 October 2005

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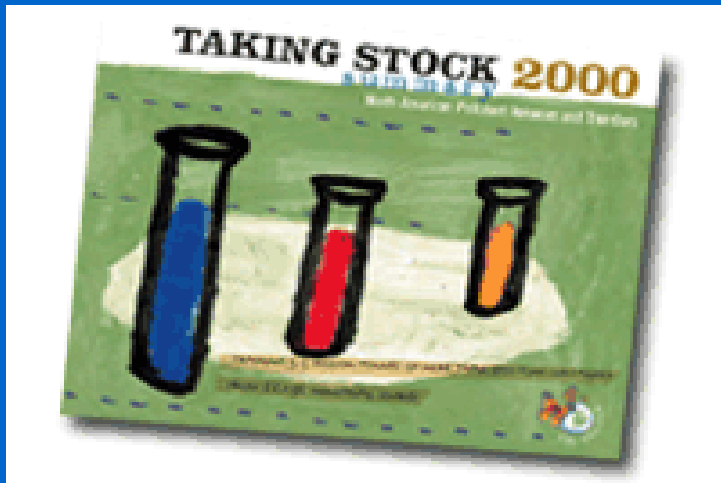
CEC Update

- Consultative Group Meeting
- Recent and upcoming *Taking Stock* reports and website
- Action Plan to Enhance Comparability among PRTRs in North America
- Future activities

PRTR Consultative Group

- Establish partnerships across North America
- Share experiences on:
 - Reporting, estimation techniques/emission factors
 - Pollution prevention activities
 - Public outreach
- Raise awareness among Mexican stakeholders
- Forum for decisions on *Taking Stock*

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 for 2004
- Based upon “matched” data set

The *Taking Stock* Report Series

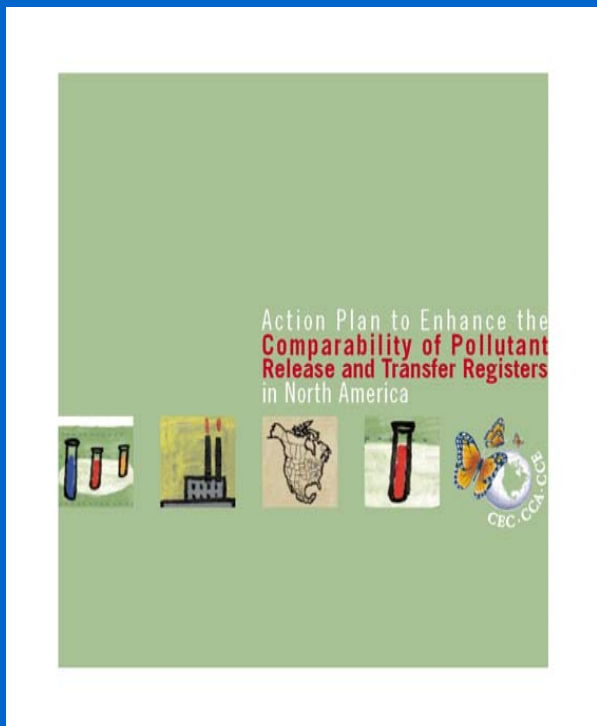
- First *Taking Stock 1994*, published 1997
- *Taking Stock 2002*, published May 2005
- *Taking Stock 2003*, in preparation
- *Taking Stock 2004*, consultations today

Taking Stock On-line



Users can generate their own queries of the matched data sets used in *Taking Stock* on the web at: www.cec.org/takingstock/

Action Plan on PRTRs



- *Action Plan to Enhance Comparability Among PRTRs in North America* adopted by Council in 2002 (Res. 02-05)
- developed through collaboration among the national programs
- Updated version released today, comments welcome

PRTRs in North America

	TRI	NPRI	RETC
First Reporting Year	1987	1993	2004
Chemical Threshold	Manufacture, process, otherwise use (all chemicals)	Manufacture, process, otherwise use (most chemicals)	1) on-site release amount or 2) manufacture, process, otherwise use
Employee Threshold	10 or more (all chemicals)	10 or more (most chemicals)	No employee threshold
# of chemicals	>600	>275	>100
# of facilities reporting	>24,000	>8,000	

Future Program Priorities

- Training and support to implement RETC in Mexico
- Comparability of PRTR data across North America
- Mentoring partnerships between US/Canadian and Mexican industries
- Trilateral NGO partnerships
- Participation of indigenous peoples
- Taking Stock reports and enhancement of website
- Engagement of Consultative Group