

<b>Number of Enforcement Actions in the U.S. Side of the Border Region</b> Figure 19		<b>Type of indicator</b> Response
		<b>Goal and Objective:</b> 6.3
<b>Description of the INDICATOR</b>		
<i>Definition</i>	Number of enforcement actions in U.S.-Mexico border region by U.S. border state by year from 2001 to 2004	
<i>Importance of the indicator/purpose</i>	When a facility violates environmental law, the regulating agency may impose actions to enforce compliance and may also impose monetary penalties and/or criminal sanctions. Enforcement actions cannot be imposed unless a violation has occurred and has been detected by the regulatory agency. There is, however, not always a clear connection between a facility polluting the environment and compliance with the law as facilities may legally pollute under the conditions of a permit and violations may not always result in releases.	
<i>Units of measure</i>	Number of enforcement actions	
<i>Concepts and definitions</i>	<u>Formal enforcement actions</u> (U.S.) - may be administrative, civil judicial or criminal actions.	
<i>Coverage</i>	2001 to 2004	
<i>Calculation</i>	Take the number of enforcement actions reported for facilities within the U.S. side of the border region reported by state and plot for each year. Also report total number across all states for each year.	
<i>Sources of information</i>	The data were submitted to EPA by state and federal enforcement programs as part of their routine reporting. They were extracted for the border region based on a search of EPA's Integrated Data for Enforcement Analysis (IDEA) System including EPA's Air Facility System (AFS); Permit Compliance System (PCS); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Information System (RCRAInfo). November 2005 Refresh. The search results reported by Abt Associates are summarized in Table 21-1.	
<i>References (Additional information)</i>	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/systems/index.html">http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/systems/index.html</a>	
<i>Limitations of the indicator</i>	The number provided for enforcement actions does not include criminal enforcement actions.	