

An aerial photograph of a coastal region, likely the Gulf of Mexico, showing a large body of blue water on the right and a green, forested landmass on the left. The landmass has a complex coastline with many small inlets and peninsulas. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

***Commission for
Environmental
Cooperation***

***North American
Sound Management of
Chemicals***

***Chemical Inventory
Development in Mexico***

North American Strategic Approach

- Approach takes into account the needs for a trilateral program
- Consideration of diversity of: cultures, politics, geography, administrative structure, industrial needs, stakeholder concerns
- Overarching policy needs
 - Capacity building
 - Information for decision making
 - Linking trade and environment



Concepts for Developing Compatibility and Comparability

- Ministerial instruction (2008) to promote
 - Foundation building
 - North American monitoring/assessment
 - Reduce risk of chemicals of mutual concern
 - Improved environmental performance of sectors



Initiative under “Foundation Building”

- Build capacity to establish a foundation of comparable, compatible information
 - Environmental and human health priority
 - Information collection, analysis, reporting
 - Economic and national interests
- Support Mexico’s efforts to develop an inventory of industrial chemicals



Inventory Development for Industrial Chemicals Mexico

- Build on similar programs in United States, Canada, and Mexico
- Understanding of legislative tools
- Consider international trends
 - OECD, SAICM,
 - UNEP CONVENTIONS, REACH

CEC provides a valuable forum for regional collaboration



Understanding the Legal Structure in Mexico

- CEC commissioned a study to assess Mexico's current capacity to undertake a chemicals inventory
 - Key legislative tools
 - LGEEPA, LGS
 - Definitions:
 - Chemical Substance?
 - National Inventory?
 - Confidential Business Information?



Working in a Trilateral Partnership

- Understanding and conveying the rationale
 - Previous efforts under TSCA, Canada's CMP
 - Experts convened for “lessons learned”
 - Competitiveness in a global market
- Common issues
 - Which chemicals to consider?
 - Industrial, pesticides, cosmetics, health care, high production volume (HPV), transport issues (TDG)
 - What criteria for inclusion?
 - Reporting volumes, toxicity, reactivity, flammability
 - Who has jurisdiction?
 - Federal, State, Municipal
 - Voluntary/non-regulatory



Current Status

- Legal Assessment completed
- Legal options under consideration
- CAS identities promoted
- Protocol being developed
 - Funding from UK DEFRA
 - Initial assessment due Sept 2009
- CEC development
 - Consider database development
 - Determine reporting criteria
 - Avoid duplication



Path Forward

- From meeting in December 2008
 - Need for sustainable resources
 - Consideration of unique aspects
 - PEMEX, ANIQ
 - Engaging stakeholders early in process
 - Promote trilateral compatibility
 - Consider global directions
 - SAICM, OECD, REACH
- Initial roll-out 2011 - 2012

