



Texas-New Mexico-Chihuahua Compliance Assistance Task Force

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Two-year Action Plan: Status of US Projects

Goal 5: Enhance Compliance Assurance and Environmental Stewardship

Project Title	Status (Complete/Ongoing)	Target for 2015-2016
<p>Increase actions of coordination and surveillance on cross-border movement of hazardous materials.- 3 annual meetings, to dialogue on specific cases dealing with need of existing legislative environmental rules for cross border movement of hazardous waste. Coordination and monitoring of transboundary movements</p>	<p>4 times a year federal, state and organizations such as CDC hold binational meetings for strengthening compliance and enforcement of environmental, phytosanitary and trade rules and laws while strengthening commerce and movement of goods,</p>	<p>Continue with Trade – Commerce enforcement agencies and organizations, holding 4 meetings per year;</p> <p>Coordinate at 1 binational event of chemical emergency response,</p> <p>Expand the POROFEPA-CUSTOMS Joint preparedness operative, to a binational Environmental – Customs and Emergency Response and Preparedness action</p>
<p>Strengthening plant protection sanitary inspections. Assurance heaving ample infrastructure needed for plant protection inspections and sufficient qualified personnel to carryout cross border revisions of hazardous chemicals movement, located possibly in Jeronimo, C. Juarez, Chih.,-Santa Teresa, NM POE guaranteeing heaving appropriate infrastructure to execution of this specific inspections that would define automatically an ecological route (corridor) for trucks heading to and away from POE.</p>	<p>USDA– CDC- DHS –Fish & Wild Life; HHS –Commerce – EPA along with corresponding State of TX agencies hold 4 meetings per year prior to a binational meeting a month after with Mexico’s Trade – Commerce – Environmental Protection – Sanitary and Agriculture Federal and State agencies.</p> <p>Coordination by SEMARNAP – PROFEPA in specifying movement across the border of Materials and / or Hazardous Waste by specific port of entry and strengthening its enforcement and compliance.</p>	<p>Inspections and ocular revisions to cross border movement of hazardous materials.</p> <p>Will strengthen monitoring mechanisms and infrastructure at specific POEs according to movement of materials and goods through specific defined POE;</p>

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<p>Legislative Bill for establishing economic incentives for manufacturing, corporations companies and industry that would motivate them to incorporate at Mexico's and at US where appropriate with existing rules and regulations, to the Audits National Program (PNA).-</p> <p>-Create economic incentive mechanisms for the private sector to participate in Mexico's PNA.</p> <p>-Motivate US base corporations with factories in Mexico to incorporate their border facilities in PNA</p>	<p>Federal Legislative for economic incentive in place either at Mexico or US, still do not have rules that would motivate cross – border self – voluntary audits which exists as National Audit Program in Mexico.</p> <p>Domestically, there was a 4 days actions for promoting to Industry to PROFEPA's National Certification in in Ciudad Juarez;</p> <p>The National Certification Resulted on 52 companies incorporating in Ciudad Juarez to PROFEPA's National Audit Program;</p>	<p>Expand the number of Maquiladoras, factories and business incorporated to the audit system.</p> <p>Extend to its Mexican facilities those US companies that enroll their US based factories in the E3 program for Pollution Prevention while strengthening its Economic Performance through compliance of Environmental and Energy regulations,</p>
<p>Wood Pallet Manufacturing Workshop.</p>	<p>Ongoing coordinated outreach through freight – shippers – custom brokers for compliance to cross border rules for wood pallets</p>	<p>Surveillance of cross border compliance by manufactures – Maquiladora – shippers – truckers to wood pallets rules. No plans to do workshop but will revisit as needed.</p>
<p>Include additional members into Clean Texas Program, Texas Environmental Excellence Awards program and also make cross-border nominations for awards at annual Environmental Summit.</p>	<p>Clean Texas Program and Texas Environmental Excellence Award is systematically ongoing, growing and strengthened each year at its West Texas' Environmental Summit that in 2014 will be the 14th Annual Event, which includes now New Mexico and Chihuahua.</p>	<p>Although existing State regulations and City-County Ordinances do not acknowledge companies or programs across the border,, Task Force stakeholders will work to integrate where appropriate best management practices and know how at Juarez's and Chihuahua's Rules integrated waste management plans.</p>

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<p>TRI Factsheet will be developed for Region 6 Border area as TRI Data is released each year.</p>	<p>Ongoing systematic making of TX and NM Fact Sheet and have made important headways for including Chihuahua and other Mexican states that borders with TX.</p>	<p>TRI Factsheet distributed at Regional and Taskforce meetings and other appropriate stakeholder meetings; and finally creating a US – Mexico border-wide binational TRI factsheets.</p>
<p>Training of Federal Agency Personnel, Custom Broker Agents, Freight Company staff and others that get involve in cross border movement of hazardous materials. Carry out, evaluate performance and improve capabilities through at least one workshop per year.</p>	<p>A joint team interaction for exchanging data information has been foreseen</p>	<p>Structure an outline for training of Trade – Commerce – Environmental and Safety agencies for improving compliance on cross border movement of hazardous materials and waste;</p> <p>Specify feasible number of trained personnel and measurement of performance.</p>
<p>Environmental Summits along the Texas/ Mexico Border. These have been on-going in El Paso since 2000, and have now expanded to Laredo and the Rio Grande Valley. They have legislative support, community involvement and produce tangible results.</p>	<p>Annual Environmental Summits attendance and measurable outcome have increased each year, adding booths and breakout discussion groups and at least 2 amnesty days events for collecting waste and recycling materials have been added.</p>	<p>2012-2014 Annually in October; The El Paso Summit is already making efforts to expand the Summit to include New Mexico and Mexico. The 2014 will take place on October 2010;</p>

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<p>One stop window to process electronic trade / commerce movement of hazardous materials, special management – handling of waste and used tires.</p> <p>Strengthen environmental enforcement mechanisms by establishing a one–stop submittal of electronic manifest of movement of goods that are characterized as hazardous, and or of special handling in accordance and harmonization with practices currently in place by US and Mexico’s administration.</p>	Planned	Fully operational one stop window, getting the support and commitment for its promotion by US State Department and Mexico’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (SD and SER,) to include language into the Annex III of the 1983 La Paz Agreement. Plan workshops for training on the one stop electronic mechanisms to Customs Personnel, Brokers Custom Agencies, on functioning and procedures during 2013 spring time.



Project(s) Successes:

Fish and Wild Life – PROFEPA, Confiscation of caiman skins

Custom - PROFEPA, 4 operating sets in the International Bridges Cordova and Zaragoza

USDA - Custom - PROFEPA, systematic coordination pursuant to Rule 144.



Emerging Issues

Transversely of risks of environmental impact and damages to ecosystem, natural resources and health.- case-specific.

Campaigns directed at industrial parks, and or at the level of maquiladora facilities or sector, in order to increase their level of compliance, competitiveness with applicable legislation on environmental matters.

Joint operations in the area of wildlife.

QUESTIONS?

