

# Hazardous Waste Projects with in the CEC

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# Outline of the Presentation

- Overview of the CEC
- Examples of CEC Projects
- Current Hazardous Waste projects
- Possible Future Projects
- General Lessons



# Concerns with proposed NAFTA Agreement

- Pollution havens
- Chilling effect on new environmental laws
- Deterioration of environmental quality

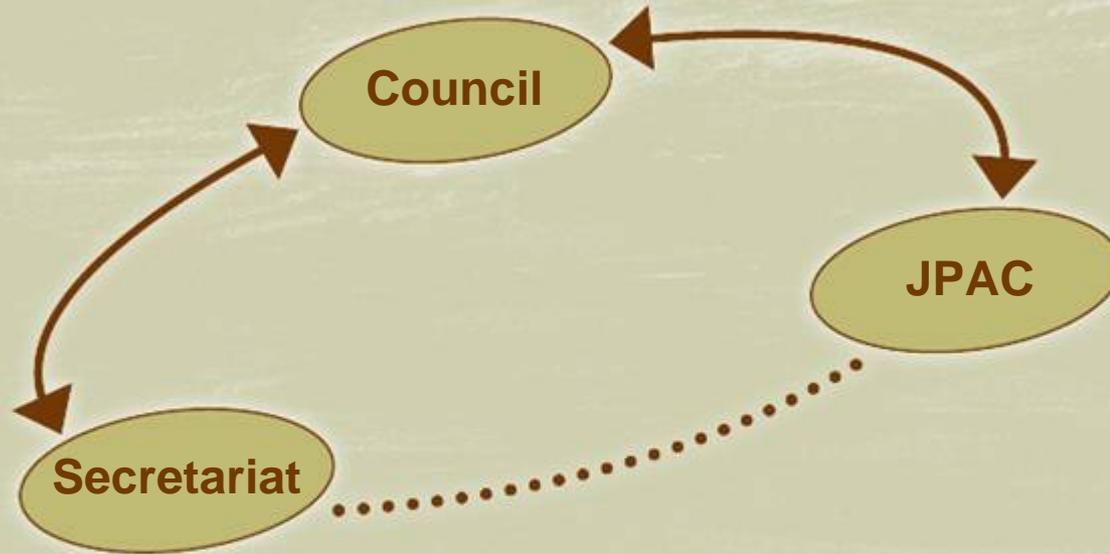


# CEC has three major objectives:

- Address trade and environment issues
- Address environmental problems of regional concern
- Promote the effective enforcement of environmental law



# CEC Structure and Mandate



***The CEC is a truly unique organization***



# Three Pillars of Work

- Information for decision-making
- Capacity building
- Trade and Environment



# Three Examples

- Assessing Trade and Environment
- Developing Biodiversity Conservation Strategies
- Enforcement Cooperation



# Assessing Trade and Environment

## Overview of NAFTA Region

## World Bank GDP Ranking

1. United States
9. Canada
12. Mexico



Cooperative Work

# Assessing Trade and Environment

What have been the effects of  
trade on the environment?



# T&E General Lessons

- Neither the dire environmental effects NOR the predicted improvements have been realized .
- Pollution havens are not widespread,
- No documented evidence of regulatory/race to the bottom
- No evidence of rising demand and production of environmentally preferable goods and services



# Developing Biodiversity Conservation Strategies

Common strategies for:

- Species
- Spaces
- Threats





Marine Priority Conservation Areas

# Baja California to the Bering Sea

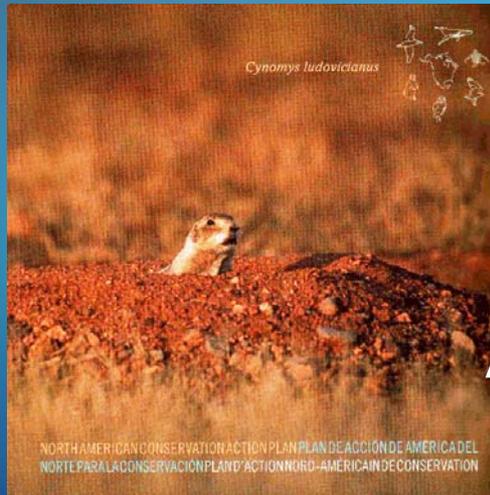
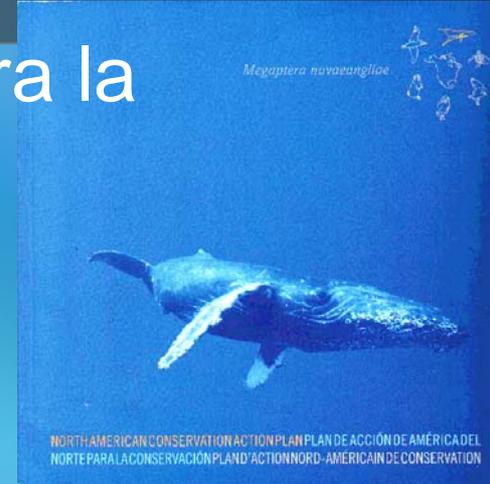
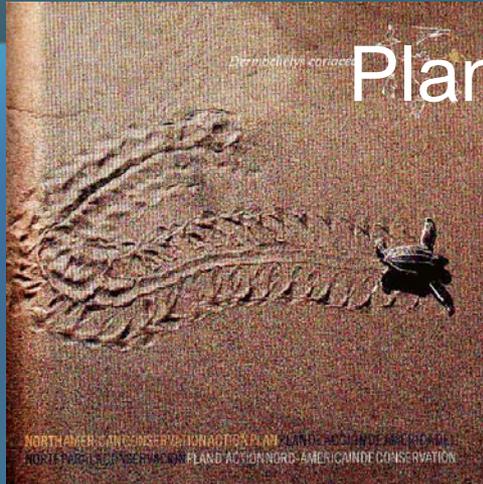


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North American Strategy for Biodiversity Conservation

# Planes de Acción para la Conservación



# América del Norte



# Enforcement within the CEC

- Supporting compliant trade through regional implementation of MEAs and Bilateral Agreements
- Building Domestic Capacity to Enforce Wildlife Laws



# Enforcement within the CEC



Building Capacity – Sharing Information

# Current Hazardous Waste Projects

## Three on-going efforts

- Environmentally-sound management of spent lead acid batteries (closing out)
- Opportunities to improve the tracking of hazardous waste
- Assisting in the development of compliance assistance efforts



# Spent Lead Acid Batteries

## Draft Guidelines

- ESM practices
- ESM options and criteria regarding North American practices



# Tracking

A Number of Recommendations in a 1999 CEC Report Needs Assessment Report, including:

- Increase the Effectiveness of Existing Enforcement Efforts by Linking In-Country Databases.
- Institute True Origin to Destination Tracking By Linking Existing Databases
- Improve the Completeness, Accuracy, and Timing of Tracking Data”



# Tracking

2003 Council Resolution directs the Secretariat to work with the parties to:

- Continue to examine the technologies and systems currently being considered for hazardous waste and hazardous recyclable materials and wastes tracking in North America, with a view toward identifying obstacles to the interoperability of these systems, developing activities for the exchange of information, and implementing automated systems for tracking transboundary hazardous waste movements.
- Identify specific capacity building needs for Mexico



# Tracking

## 2005 Crossing the Border Report

- Develops current business models
- Recommendation: coordinate the development of data standards
- Recommendation: coordinate on domestic decisions regarding information systems



# Hazardous Waste Within the CEC

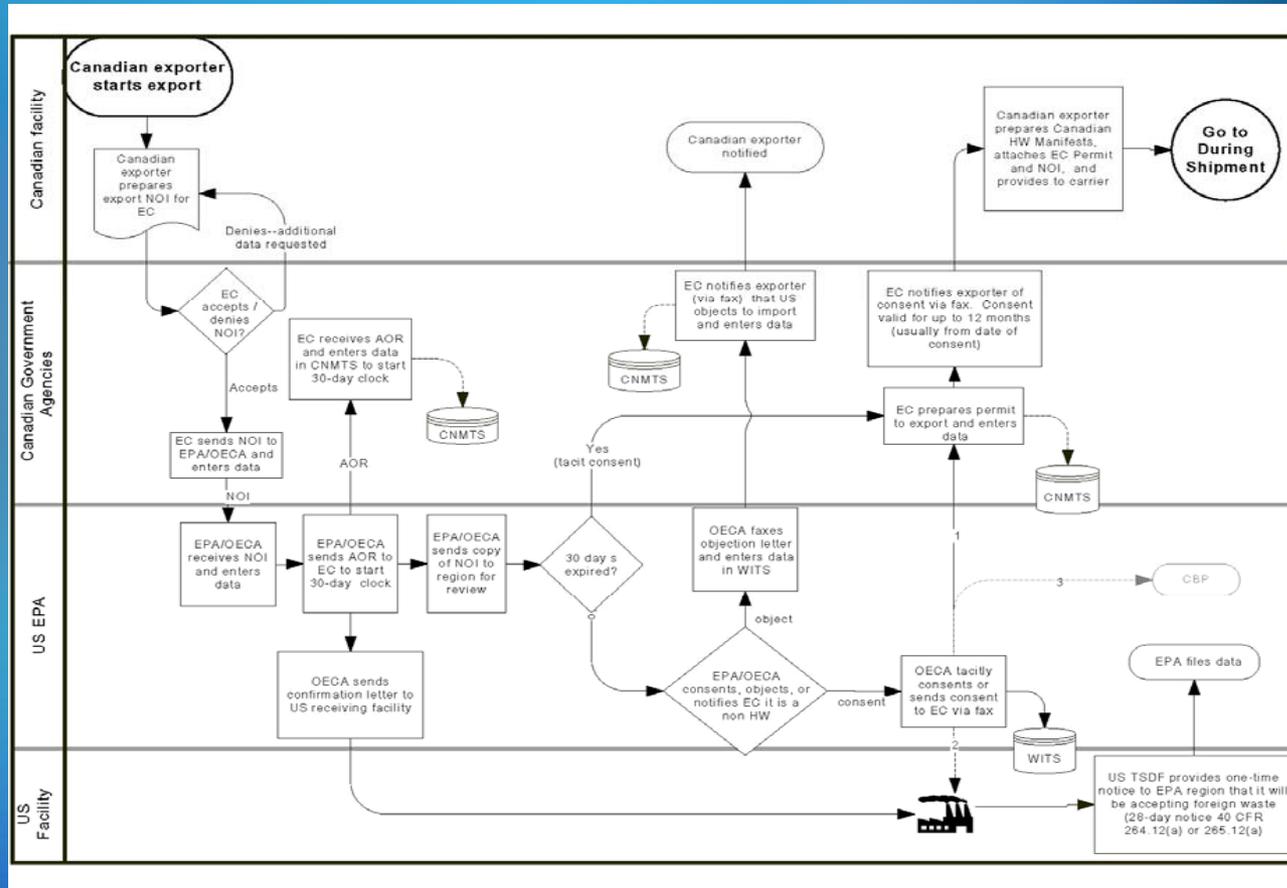


Figure 3-8: Reporting Procedures to Ship Hazardous Waste from Canada to the United States: Before Shipment Phase



# Compliance Assistance

Centro de Asistencia para Cumplimiento de Asuntos Fronterizos - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: <http://www.bordercenter.org/spanish/index.htm>

## Centro de Asistencia para la Conformidad Fronteriza

## Border Compliance Assistance Center

[English version](#)

**Bienvenido al Centro para la Asistencia de Conformidad Fronteriza.** Revise esta pagina para conseguir información acerca de la transportación y importación de diversas cargas a los Estados Unidos con atención especial a desechos sólidos y peligrosos. Queremos ayudarle a cumplir con las leyes y hacer su viaje uno sin peligro y sin problemas.

**Alerta del Centro Fronterizo!**  
[Manifiesto de Desechos Peligrosos esta Cambiando](#)

Aquí encontrara información detallada para saber:

- como empacar y marcar los recipientes /envases
- como preparar los papeles necesarios y mantener un registro
- el procedimiento específico en cada oficina de la aduana Estadounidense
- reglamentos para el transporte en diferentes estados y caminos
- como entregar su carga

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## Hazardous Waste Within the CEC

# Next Steps

## Paths Forward

- Data standards – Next Steps Paper, UNCEFACT
- Compliance assistance – Outreach, more feedback, updates, expansion
- On-line learning?

