



# Border 2012 U.S. – Mexico Environmental Program



Arizona/Sonora Regional Workgroup  
National Coordinators Meeting  
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# Goal 3: Reduce Land Contamination

*Partners Cleanup Tire Piles, Promote Sustainable Scrap Tire Solutions*

- **Ten-states sign Binational Tire Initiative in August 2008 at Border Governors Conference.**
- **San Luis cleanup of 80,000 tires.**
- **BECC shares tire plan model for comment.**



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## ***Arizona and Tribes Manage Abandoned Border Waste, Form New Partnerships***

- **ADEQ outreach to obtain feedback for border waste strategy.**
- **Complete strategy as a collaborative work model to leverage resources.**
- **Issue integrated into Borderlands Management TF, a Southern Arizona group coordinated by BLM.**
- **Tohono O'dham grant results in cleanups of 109 vehicles, 235 bikes, and 1231 bags of waste.**



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*Nacozari Mine Tailing Complete Remedial Design, Secure Funding*

- **US-Mexico Binational Center/Univ. of Sonora work with SEMARNAT, CEDES and municipality to complete design.**
- **Municipality commits to remedy, support long-term management efforts.**
- **Slope stabilization set as priority, followed by vegetation stabilization.**
- **Town hall meetings held to inform, advise on remedy and practices to reduce public risks.**



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## ***Arizona/Sonora Develop Waste Management Plans, Promote Outreach to Build Programs***

- **Arizona to conduct border waste assessment, promote web-based data access to strengthen coordination and leverage resources amongst federal, state, and local institutions, and Tribes.**
- **Sonora to conduct follow-up electronics collections, use experience to build long-term programs.**
- **Emphasis on development of municipal waste management plans, focus on waste diversion and “special waste streams” (tires, electronics, other solid waste).**

# Goal 6: Improve Environmental Performance

*Binational Inspector Workshop in Sonora Share Experiences*



- Three-day training program.
- 50 environmental professionals participated.
- Participants simulated inspection at multi-national facility.

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## ***US Port of Entry Hazardous Waste Inspection Program in Arizona***

- **Full-time inspector assigned to border.**
- **Fixed facility inspections conducted in border area.**
- **Consistent methodology and coordination with ADEQ Central Office.**
- **US Customs and Border Protection do not allow inspections of cross-border hazardous waste shipments without an explicit MOU.**
- **Cooperate with EPA on POE and border inspections.**