



Border 2012 Midpoint Assessment: Public Recommendation and Comment Period, August 1st – September 14th, 2007

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and bi-national Partners are coordinating a midpoint assessment of the U.S.-Mexico Border Environmental Program: Border 2012 Program. EPA welcomes recommendations and comments to enhance the Border 2012 Program, building on past successes and considering emerging issues, as EPA assesses the following areas:

1. Border 2012 Goals/Objectives

- a. Objectives and sub-objectives that could be strengthened or improved.
- b. New or emerging issues / problems to be adopted as new Border 2012 Objectives.

2. Evaluation of Progress

- a. Effectiveness of how we evaluate and measure our progress and accomplishments

3. Organizational Structure.

- a. Effectiveness and efficiency of the current program organizational structure (regional workgroups, border-wide workgroups, policy fora, task forces).
- b. Organizational units (i.e. RWG, BWWG, PF,TF) to be modified, if any

4. Communications

- a. Ways to communicate with communities and stakeholders more effectively.

5. Leveraging Resources

- c. How to leverage resources to advance the goals/objectives of Border 2012.

Border 2012 is a 10-year, binational, results-oriented, environmental program for the U.S.-Mexico border region, which has been developed by the EPA, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico's Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources), the U.S. border Tribes, and the environmental agencies from each of the ten U.S.-Mexico Border States. The mission of Border 2012 is to protect public health and the environment in the U.S.-Mexico border region, consistent with the principles of Sustainable development. For an electronic copy of the Border 2012 framework and other documents please refer to www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder/.

EPA is requesting recommendations and comments that will enhance the Border 2012 Program from interested parties and border stakeholders. Comment period open from **August 1st until September 14th, 2007**. Written comments can be submitted by email to border2012.comments@epa.gov.

Comments can also be mailed to:

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