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Air Quality and Pollutant Releases Program

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Air Quality and Pollutant Releases Program

Projects that create an infrastructure allowing the three Parties to:

- *exchange information*
- *reach a common vision*
- *work cooperatively on addressing environmental issues*

Focus on: Capacity-building, Information for Decision-making, and the Assessment of Emerging Trends.

- **Enhancing North American Air Quality Management**
- **North American Pollutant Release and Transfer Register Project**



Program to Enhance North American Air Quality Management

Provide a more complete North American picture of air quality and air emissions to support decision-making on air quality management

Current Activities:

- North American Air Working Group
- Supporting the compilation of and updates to Mexico's National Emissions Inventory (Point, Area, Biogenic, On-Road Mobile)
- Comprehensive assessment of North American air emissions inventories and monitoring networks to support the development of a North American air quality strategy (Completed in Dec. 2008)
- Development of NA Strategy for Enhancing Air Quality Management (June 09).
 - Comparability
 - Accessibility
 - Capacity Building



North American PRTR Project

Integration of North American PRTR data (TRI, NPRI, RETC) to improve our understanding of the industrial sources and handling of pollutants of common concern

Current Activities:

- Promote increased comparability and consistency in the areas of data reporting, collection and quality assurance
- Produce the annual *Taking Stock* report, with analyses and comparisons of PRTR data from the three countries – to inform actions on pollution prevention (publication May 2009)
- Support Mexico's efforts to improve data quality and efficiencies in the flow of PRTR data from Mexican states to the federal government
- Collaboration with PRTR officials on industry sector characterization efforts
- Stakeholder input via the annual meeting of the North American PRTR Consultative Group (general public, NGOs, industry, governments, media)
- Promote international linkages.





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