

Tlaxcala and Campeche have not yet enacted their own environmental legislation.

A new federal environmental secretariat, *Secretaría del Medio Ambiente, Recursos Naturales y Pesca* (SEMARNAP), Secretariat of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries, was created by the Zedillo administration in late December 1994. It took over a number of key environmental agencies which were formerly part of other secretariats.

The *Procuraduría Federal para la Protección del Ambiente* (PROFEPA), Office of the Federal Attorney for Environmental Protection, is responsible for the enforcement of most environmental standards. Most wastewater standards are in the

Key Mexican Environmental Regulatory Agencies

AGENCY	ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES	COMMENTS
SEDESOL <i>Secretaría de Desarrollo Social</i> , Secretariat of Social Development	Overall urban planning issues as they impact upon the environment, including wastewater and solid waste management.	Lost <i>Instituto Nacional de Ecología</i> (INE), the National Institute for Ecology, and <i>Procuraduría Federal para la Protección del Ambiente</i> (PROFEPA), the Office of the Federal Attorney for Environmental Protection, to <i>Secretaría del Medio Ambiente, Recursos Naturales y Pesca</i> (SEMARNAP), Secretariat of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries in recent restructuring.
SEMARNAP <i>Secretaría del Medio Ambiente, Recursos Naturales y Pesca</i> , Secretariat of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries	Overall environmental policy for Mexico.	Increasing focus on privatization and concessions, and use of economic instruments in environmental policy.
INE <i>Instituto Nacional de Ecología</i> , National Institute of Ecology	Development of environmental regulations (NOMs) for all environmental fields and analysis of EIAs* submitted for approval.	Reports to SEMARNAP.
PROFEPA <i>Procuraduría Federal de Protección Ambiental</i> , Office of the Federal Attorney for Environmental Protection	Enforcement of regulations developed by INE, except for wastewater issues (unless classified as toxic).	Increasing private sector involvement in enforcement process; reports to SEMARNAP.
CNA <i>Comisión Nacional del Agua</i> , National Water Commission	Enforcement of wastewater regulations developed by INE if effluent is discharged to a national water body such as a river, lake, bay or stream.	Possibility of moving CNA's enforcement responsibilities to PROFEPA; reports to SEMARNAP.
IMTA <i>Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología del Agua</i> , Mexican Institute for Water Technology	Responsible for research in water and wastewater field; focus on technology development and application.	Reports to SEMARNAP.
State governments	All but two states have environmental laws, and may have environmental standards stricter than federal equivalent; source of funding for municipal wastewater plants.	States will play a larger role in environmental management practices; states must approve all municipal build-operate-transfer (BOTs) and concessions that last longer than three years.
Municipal governments	Responsible for solid waste collection and disposal services and enforcement of regulations governing effluent from industrial plants into the municipal drainage system.	Term of office is three years.

*Environmental Impact Assessments