Victor Lichtinger Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources

Victor Lichtinger was born in Mexico City on Oct. 17, 1957. An economist, he has a degree from Metropolitan Autonomous University and a master's degree from Stanford University. He also studied toward a doctorate in agricultural economy and natural resources at Stanford.

Mr. Lichtinger has been an assistant director and technical director for foreign trade. In 1990, he was general co-ordinator of natural resources and the environment at the Foreign Affairs Secretariat, and he represented Mexico at the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit. From 1994 to 1998, he was executive director of the North American Commission for Environmental Co-operation in Montreal and later became general director of an engineering firm. Prior to his appointment to the cabinet, he was the directing partner of a firm of environmental specialists.

Mr. Lichtinger became Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources on Dec. 1, 2000.