

Environmental Auditing

To complement its existing program of inspections, SEDUE will start a program of environmental audits. This is a relatively new field, and SEDUE has asked Canadian specialists to provide senior training staff with an introductory program. The Canadian team will also orient SEDUE on the direction it should take in implementing this new environmental audit program.

Industrial Wastewater Treatment

Mexico has targeted the treatment of wastewater effluents as a problem that must be addressed. Because Canada is at the forefront in research and development, joint Canada-Mexico seminars and information sessions will be set up. Canadian experts will present the various technologies available for treating industrial effluents and discuss specific projects with SEDUE staff.

This information exchange should help Mexico determine which technologies are best suited to its particular industrial pollution problems.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mexican "Ecological Balance and Environmental Protection" legislation passed in 1988, calls for the regulation of hazardous substances and waste. In collaboration with other Mexican federal departments, SEDUE is developing general regulations, as well as regulations for specific industrial sectors -- such as paints and varnishes.

Canadian expertise has been sought to provide codes of practice and a technical safety standard for the management of hazardous substances in general. Two related projects will provide codes of practice for hazardous waste in the paints industry and for the recycling of hazardous waste.

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

One of the basic elements in any pollution enforcement program is to have standards or limits established that serve as guideposts for compliance monitoring. The Canada-Mexico environmental collaboration program will assist the Mexican government in establishing emission standards for two important industrial sectors -- fertilizer production and fuels and solvents storage.

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