

## KEY MEXICAN ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY AGENCIES

Agency	Environmental responsibilities	Comments
<b>SEDESOL</b> <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.	The <i>Instituto Nacional de Ecología (INECO)</i> , National Institute of Ecology, and the <i>Procuraduría Federal para la Protección del Ambiente (PROFEPA)</i> , the Federal Office for Environmental Protection, to the <i>Secretaría del Medio Ambiente, Recursos Naturales y Pesca (SEMARNAP)</i> , Secretariat of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries in recent restructuring.
<b>SEMARNAP</b> <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.
<b>INECO</b> <i>Instituto Nacional de Ecología,</i> National Institute of Ecology	Development of official standards (NOMs) for all environmental fields and analysis of EIAs* submitted for approval.	Reports to SEMARNAP.
<b>PROFEPA</b> <i>Procuraduría Federal de Protección del Ambiente,</i> Federal Office for Environmental Protection	Enforcement of regulations developed by INECO, except for wastewater issues (unless classified as toxic).	Increasing private sector involvement in enforcement process; reports to SEMARNAP.
<b>CNA</b> <i>Comisión Nacional del Agua,</i> National Water Commission	Enforcement of wastewater regulations developed by INECO 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.
<b>IMTA</b> <i>Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología del Agua,</i> Mexican Institute of Water Technology	Responsible for research in water and wastewater field; focus on technology development and application.	Reports to SEMARNAP.

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