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CANADA-MEXICO ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENT

Canada-Mexico Environmental Co-operation

On March 16, 1990, Canada and Mexico signed an Agreement on Environmental Co-operation. The Agreement is very broad, permitting co-operation on environmental issues of importance to both countries.

On March 18, 1992, the government announced a \$1-million program, under the Canada-Mexico Agreement, to help Mexico improve its environmental monitoring and enforcement practices.

The chosen projects are tailored to meet Mexico's needs and will assist Mexico's Secretariat of Social Development to enforce the tough environmental laws which that country passed in 1988.

Approximately 20 projects involving Canada's and Mexico's private and public sectors are being implemented in the following areas:

Compliance Monitoring

- Acquisition of a mobile laboratory;
- Training seminars in Mexico and Canada; and
- Software acquisition.

Management of Hazardous Substances and Waste

- Creation of technical standards and regulations; and
- Comparative analyses.

Air Pollution Control

- Creation of technical standards; and
- Study of emissions inventories.

Environmental Impact Assessment

- Environmental impact assessment manuals for specific sectors.

In addition, projects on the monarch butterfly and environmental education are being developed within this \$1-million program.

In total, Canada has committed in excess of \$1.9 million for environmental projects in Mexico since 1990.