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Comments on:

- Project 1: Capacity Building to Improve the Environmental Health of Vulnerable Communities in North America

Although our organization and affiliated networks agree with the main project outcome of a useful 'Framework' to be used by all stakeholders (including governments) from the three CEC countries, it would also be 'very useful' to explore the possibility within the process which 'frameworks are already existing in the three different countries, review them and link and possibly synergize them' in order not a) duplicate anything and/or b) to align any possible future activities and resources. In Atlantic Canada (New Brunswick) for instance, we have already one major ongoing 'Children's Environmental Health Collaborative' project since early 2006, which has not been funded so far by any government agency. Perhaps it might also be useful for CEC to establish a special fund for specific community projects like that, rather than consolidating all effort into a Framework, for which it could be difficult to measure the usefulness as endproduct tool.

www.cec.org/files/public_commentary/saicm_iccm_emerging_issuesd_proposal.pdf

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- Project 5: Approaches for identifying and tracking chemicals in commerce in North America

We would like to congratulate the CEC for its effort to keep and stay involved with the SMOC priorities project. As one of the stakeholder participants of the SMOC stakeholder workshop in Texas in 2009 I would like to point out how important it is to have these stakeholder events. Although the organization and planning of a North American Chemicals Conference is of most importance to the region and the countries involved, I am still in very much favor for 'separate stakeholder workshop' rather than lumping everybody (including industry and business) together in one regional conference.

We also like the compatibility of countries inventories task through the project. In addition we would like to suggest the inclusion to publicize/disseminate any important feedback from the International conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) and its impacts on North America in particular, particularly in the wake of the 2012 upcoming ICCM3 and the importance of new and emerging issues (globally and regionally).

Thank You, and I appreciate your attention Gabrielle Kretzschmar.

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- Project 6: Risk reduction strategies to reduce the exposure to chemicals of mutual concern

1.4 Human biomonitoring: There is already one 'Canadian' Human biomonitoring study report out (attached pdf file) 1.5 Examine foods in Mexico as part of a trinational program to determine potential for D/F contamination: We also would like to suggest not only to examine foods in 'Mexico',also as well in the United States and Canada. Thank You, I appreciate the opportunity to send my comments.

www.cec.org/files/public_commentary/human_biomonitoring_report_overview_canada.pdf