Suggestions for a special feature analysis in the next *Taking Stock* report (vol. 16)

Discussion
Special Feature Analysis: Objectives

- Identify issues relating to PRTR data quality, completeness, and comparability across the region.

- Enhance stakeholders’ interpretation and understanding of PRTR data (e.g., civil society, industry, NGOs, academia, government).

- Inform decisions at all levels relating to pollution prevention, environmental management, and sustainability within industry.
Compile and analyze PRTR data for the region, and assess gaps in data quality, coverage, and comparability

Consult and add other sources of information and data to complement PRTR data and add important context

Consult subject matter experts/sector representatives (as applicable) in a review of the data and information

Use the insights and information from the report to engage and inform the national PRTR programs and other stakeholders.
Examples of previous special feature analyses in the *Taking Stock* report series

- Releases and transfers from the petroleum sector
- Releases to water (with a focus on pollutants of special concern released to shared watersheds)
- Changes in releases and transfers from 2005–2010, with a focus on the pulp and paper sector (and a spotlight on releases from electric utilities)
- Releases and transfers from the mining sector

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Suggested Analyses (by CEC and Participants)

Sectors of possible interest:
- Automotive manufacturing (and supply chain);
- Chemicals manufacturing (plastics?);
- Primary metals manufacturing;
- Paints/coatings manufacturing.

Substances:
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) / Solvents;
- Persistent, bio-accumulative and toxic (PBT) substances;
- Substances subject to national PRTRs vs international agreements.

Disposals (including cross-border transfers):
- Comparison of PRTR waste management definitions (e.g., recycling, treatment) across the region;
- Details of transfers off site (e.g.: final disposition and routes, including potential risks; gaps in comparability across the region).