

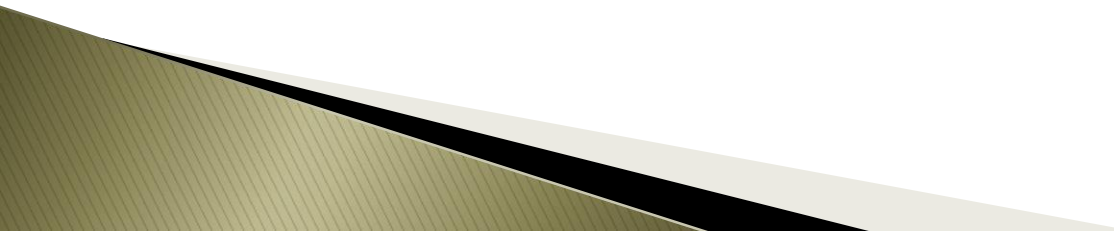


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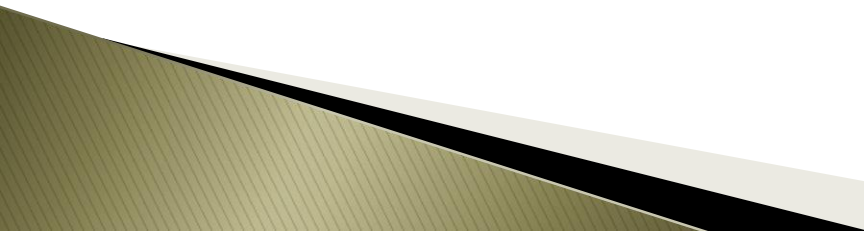
**Suggestions for a special feature  
analysis in the next  
*Taking Stock* report (vol. 16)**

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.
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# Special Feature Analysis: Process and Sources of Information

- ▶ 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.
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## 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)