



# Submissions on Enforcement Matters (SEM)

## A Status Report

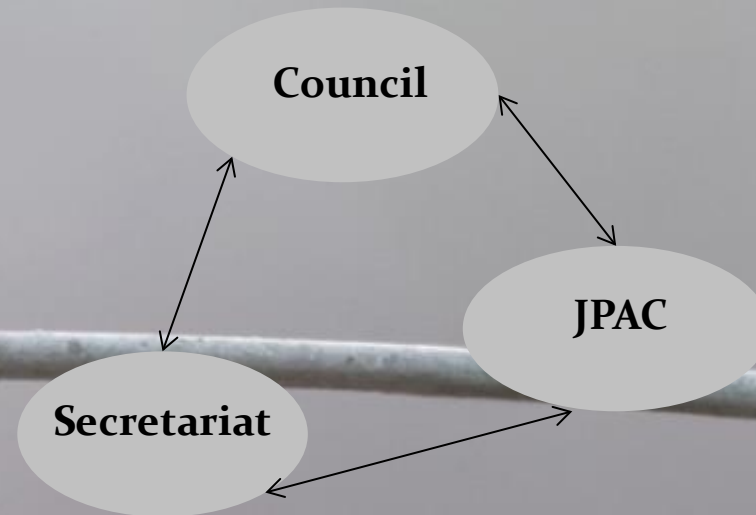
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# The Commission for Environmental Cooperation

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA):  
signed in 1994

- North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC)



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Fact-finding mechanism concerning the effective enforcement of environmental laws in North America; open to residents of Canada, Mexico and the United States.

Established to foster **transparency, public participation**, and **information sharing** regarding a Party's environmental law enforcement.

Enhances accountability in the effective enforcement of environmental law.

The process is **non-judicial, non-adversarial**, and does not provide legal redress or lead to sanctioning of a Party, nor does the Secretariat determine whether a Party has or has not enforced its environmental law.

# Status of Current Submissions

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## **Total of 83 submissions to date**

- 30 Canada
- 41 Mexico
- 11 United States
- 1 Canada-United States

5 active submissions under review

20 Factual Records Published

Wide range of environmental law enforcement issues covered: environmental impact assessment process, pollution prevention and control, endangered species, hazardous waste disposal, energy infrastructure, etc.



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## **Canada**

- Alberta Tailings Ponds
- BC Salmon Farms

## **Mexico**

- Tourism Development in the Gulf of California
- Wetlands in Manzanillo
- Sumidero Canyon II

# For more information

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## **Website**

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