



11 January 2018

[*Identity of Submitter withheld pursuant to Article 11(8)(a)*]

Arizona, USA

Re: **Submission on enforcement matters under Articles 14 and 15 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation**

Submitter: *Identity of Submitter withheld pursuant to Article 11(8)(a)*

Party: Mexico

Date received: 10 January 2018

Submission No.: SEM-18-001 (*Transboundary Agricultural Burning*)

We hereby acknowledge receipt of submission SEM-18-001 (*Transboundary Agricultural Burning*) (the “Submission”) received by mail on 10 January 2018. We will keep you informed of the status of your submission in accordance with Guideline 3.9 of the *Guidelines for Submissions on Enforcement Matters under Articles 14 and 15 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation* (the “Guidelines”).

Please note that under Article 11(8)(a) of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC), you are entitled to keep your name and/or personal contact information confidential. Out of an abundance of caution, the Secretariat will safeguard your name and contact information as confidential until we obtain confirmation from you in this regard.

Further, because you have not designated any documents included in the Submission as confidential or proprietary under NAAEC Article 11(8), except as noted above, the Submission in its entirety will be made available to the Parties to the Agreement and to the public, and an electronic version of the Submission will be placed in the Registry of Submissions on our website.

In accordance with Guideline 19.1, the Secretariat will issue its determination regarding the admissibility of the submission under Article 14(1), normally within 30 working days of receiving the submission, i.e. by **21 February 2018**. If the Secretariat determines that the submission merits a response from Mexico, the Secretariat will issue that determination normally within 30 working days thereafter, i.e. by **6 April 2018**, in which case the Article 14(1) determination will be issued jointly with the 14(2) determination.

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Although it is not a requirement, our practice is to send correspondence by e-mail to inform you on the status of the submission. If you are able, please provide us with an e-mail address where we can send you any further correspondence relating to this submission, as well as a phone number where we can reach you if we must speak to you. If you do not have a personal e-mail or phone number, you may designate ones from a third person to receive notifications on your behalf.

Yours sincerely,

Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

(signature in the original)

per: Mr. Paolo Solano

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