

**ADVICE TO COUNCIL: NO. 00-06** 

Re: A North American Regional Action Plan (NARAP) for Lead

The Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC);

IN ACCORDANCE with its mandate to provide advice to Council;

RECALLING JPAC's Advice to Council 00-05 on Children's Health and the Environment to integrate children's health and environment issues into the existing work program of the CEC;

HAVING heard concerns from experts in the fields of lead contamination and human health during the CEC-sponsored symposium on Children's Health and the Environment in North America and at JPAC's Regular Session 00-02 in Dallas, Texas about the effects of lead on child development;

RECEIVING further input from the public urging the CEC to take action on lead particularly because of the threat it poses for the health of children;

JPAC strongly urges Council to call for an evaluation, on a priority basis, of the technical reports prepared to support lead as a candidate substance for regional action.

APPROVED BY THE JPAC MEMBERS

6 July 2000