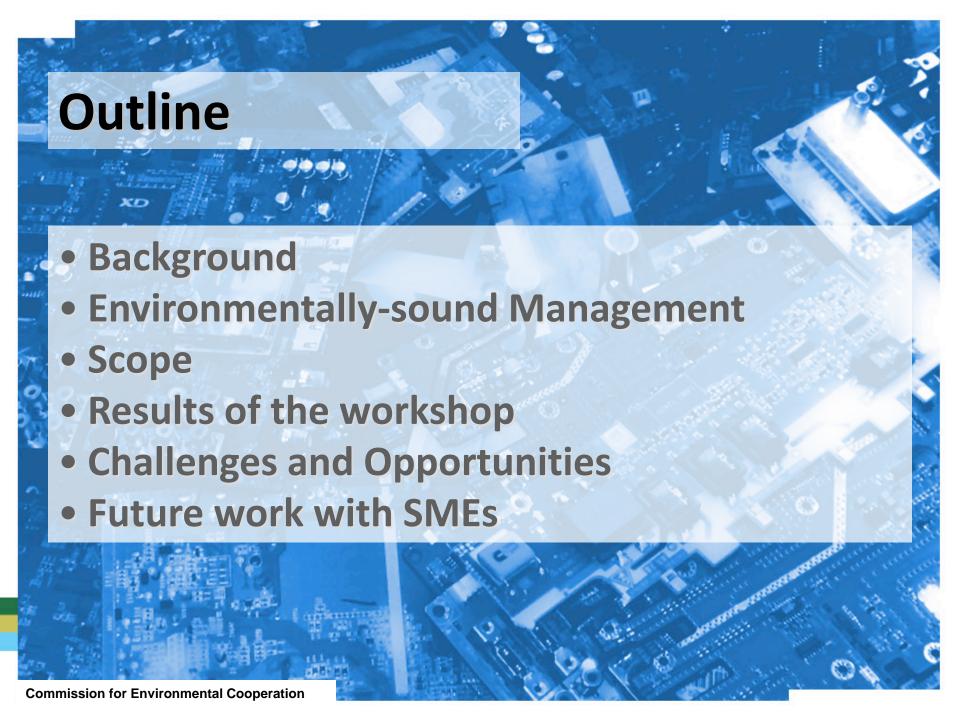


Results from the CEC workshop and upcoming e-waste work







Background

- Trilateral action in the CEC on e-wastes
 - Clean Electronics Pollution Prevention Partnership started in 2004.
 - Initiatives addressing electronic wastes started in 2007.
 - Different ways to contribute to more effective enforcement at the domestic level in NA have been sought.
 - The Enforcement Working Group & the Electronic Waste Experts
 Working Group have implemented projects related to e-wastes,
 such as:
 - Environmental Sound Management within Small and Medium Enterprises for e-wastes recycling and refurbishing

Environmental Sound Management

 What is ESM? Taking steps to ensure that used and/or end-of-life products or wastes are managed in a manner that will protect human health and the environment

- Benefits of ESM to facilities:
 - o Reduction of risk to environment and public health
 - o Economic benefits of increased plant efficiency
 - o Trade benefits
 - o Due diligence or duty of care
 - o Improved safety
 - o Improved relationships with regulators and public
 - o Improved business relationships
 - o Protection of stockholder and stakeholder interests







Structure of the workshop

Session #1: Human Health and Environmental Impacts, and Common Mismanagement of Electronic Waste

Session #2: Multilateral ESM Provisions for Electronic Waste

Session #3: Voluntary ESM Approaches for Refurbishing and Recycling
Used and Waste Electronics

Session #4: The Benefits of ESM

Session #5: How to Integrate ESM at Facilities

Session #6: Overcoming Challenges Faced by SMEs

Participants

| Mexican Enterprises | 35 |
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| • US Enterprises | 3 |
| Canadian Enterprises | 4 |
| • Government Representatives (21 MX, 4 US, 4 CAN) | 29 |
| • NGOs | 7 |
| Academics | 11 |
| CEC Personnel | 7 |
| Consultants (CADMUS Group) | 2 |
| • TOTAL | 98 |





• 300 more via webcast

Challenges and Opportunities (Participant Remarks)

What ESM practices are the easiest to implement?

- Identify local regulation
- State commitment and mission statement
- •Identify your clients and scope of services
- Create a business plan
- •Partnerships Information exchange and strategic alliances
- Arrange transportation of materials
- Constant training (internal and external)
- Develop practices that will reduce residues and emissions

Challenges and Opportunities (Participant Remarks)

What aspects of ESM practices do you find to be the hardest to implement?

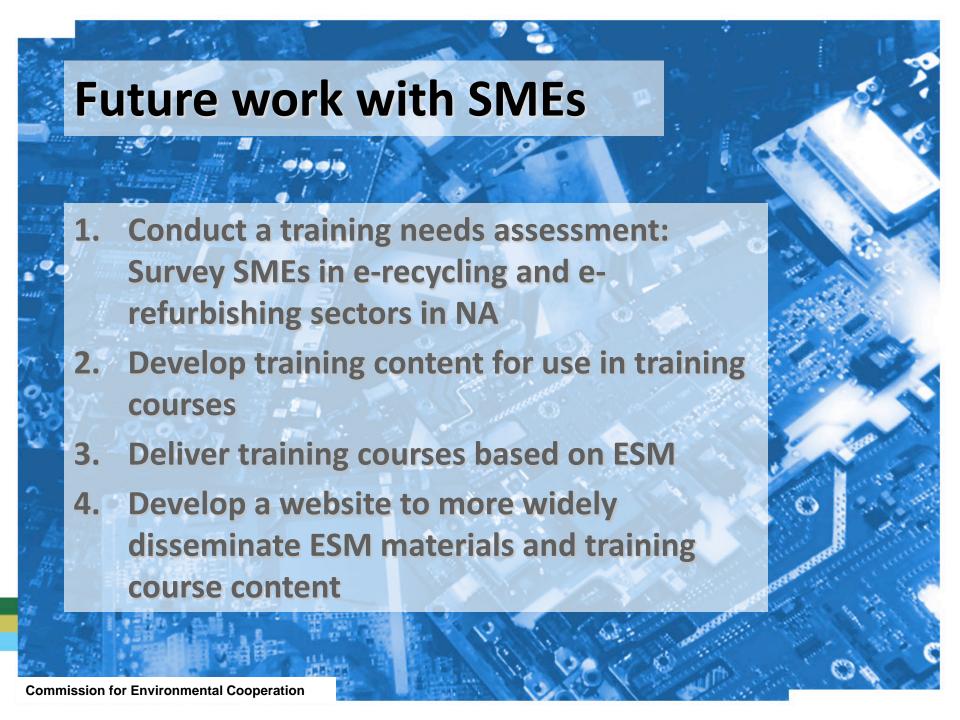
- •Maintain high standards on a day-to-day basis
- Meet all legal requirements
- •Maintain a quality, environmental, health & safety system
- Certifications
- Drive culture change in people
- Audits
- Overcome the lack of infrastructure
- Dependability of legal requirements

Challenges and Opportunities (Participant Remarks)

What assistance, other than financial, do you need to implement ESM practices?

- Harmonize regulation in the three levels of government
- Creation of a transparent registry of North American recycling and refurbishing operators that meet international standards
- Assistance to transfer knowledge and best business practices
- Assistance to SMEs to receive training for capacity building
- Create programs that result in faster growth of the e-waste recycling and refurbishing industry









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