



**Meeting of Power Users
to Promote the *Taking Stock*
Report and Website**

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**Summary of Recommendations
and Next Steps**

Objectives of the Meeting

- Review the *Taking Stock* report and website:
 - Assess options for presenting PRTR information
 - Reduce the size and cost of the printed report and direct limited resources to enhancing access to PRTR info via *TS Online*
- Validate the purpose & added value of *Taking Stock*
- Further identify *Taking Stock's* target users & needs
- Identify next steps and develop timelines for short-term and long-term implementation phases.

Key results of the Meeting

- Validation of *Taking Stock's* **areas of added value**
- Identification of **target users**
- Identification of a number of **priority information topics** for *Taking Stock*
- Identification of strategies for **streamlining** the printed *Taking Stock* report
- Preliminary identification of options for the **presentation** of information on *TS Online*



Areas of Added Value of *Taking Stock*

1. Provide a N.A. picture of industrial releases & transfers of toxic chemicals (e.g., trends, sector analyses, special issues)
2. Promote increased PRTR data quality & comparability among the 3 countries (e.g., chemical lists, reporting industries)
3. Raise awareness of health and environmental issues relating to toxic chemicals (e.g., provide info on H&E impacts, prioritize chemicals via TEPs)
4. Increase dialogue & collaboration across borders & sectors
5. Integrate PRTR data into an overarching framework for managing chemicals in N.A. (e.g., collaborate with other CEC projects; map PRTR data with ecoregions, watersheds)



Taking Stock's Target Users

- Government (all levels)
- Academics
- NGOs
- Industry
- Individuals
- Media
- International community



Priorities identified for *Taking Stock*

Distinction between printed report (shorter) and *TS Online* (enhanced)

- Provide additional analyses and context to PRTR data (online and in report)
- Matched data sets: limit time trends in report; present trilateral picture + U.S.-Canada only
- Continue to differentiate Releases & Transfers (discuss separately and together)
- Health and Environmental Effects: provide links to other sources of info.
- Provide links to Pollution Prevention resources
- Retain special feature chapter in report

Next Steps

- Revised/shortened format for the printed *Taking Stock '04* report (to be published in Spring 2007)
- Enhancements to *TS Online* under way:
 - Short term (Spring 2007)
 - Longer term

For the complete meeting summary, go to:
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