

Environment Canada's Workshop on Performance Measures for compliance and Enforcement

30 March 2004 - Environment Canada held a workshop on 25-26 February 2004. This workshop is the second one on this subject. The first one, held in March 2003, was used to launch four pilot projects on performance measures for compliance promotion activities.



The four control instruments chosen as pilot projects were:

- ❖ Notice to prepare a Pollution Prevention Plan for Dichloromethane
- ❖ New Substances Notification Regulations
- ❖ Environmental Emergency Regulations
- ❖ Release Guidelines for Volatile Organic Compounds in Consumer Products

Results and lessons learned from the four pilots and two other projects -Tetrachloroethylene (Dry-Cleaning) Regulations and agriculture activities in Sydenham River watershed in Ontario - were shared during this year's workshop, with a view to spread the application of performance measurement to all control instruments developed by the Environmental Protection Service of Environment Canada, and make it an integral part of activities within the compliance continuum.

The workshop demonstrated doable and practical means of measuring performance within the compliance continuum. This is being done through the application of a result based management approach as a basis to identify performance indicators and measures.



Some of the workshop's conclusions and recommendations were:

- ❖ Develop a list of compliance related performance indicators and measures that can be used consistently and nationally by Environment Canada. It was agreed that this would be done within Compliance Strategies that are developed for control instruments.
- ❖ Continue the six projects and include the enforcement component when relevant.
- ❖ Engage Risk Managers, Compliance Promotion and Enforcement Officers
- ❖ Ensure better coordination between Regions.
- ❖ Ensure that results/measures are analysed, interpreted and used to make decisions and trigger changes along the compliance continuum.

It is intended to hold a third workshop in 2005 in order to further share experiences and challenges with peers within Environment Canada, other Federal departments and with the international community.