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Proposed Path Forward

GLBTS Substance/Sector
Work Group Meeting
December 2-3, 2008

Attributes of the GLBTS

- Measurable targets and timelines
- Binational multi-stakeholder participation
- 4 step process for achieving results
- Information collaboration and coordination
- Transparent annual reporting
- **Ideally situated to support national, provincial and state chemical management programs**

Moving forward with the GLBTS

- **The GLBTS is currently preparing to move forward:**
 - Significant progress has been made toward achieving the 1997 goals of the GLBTS (13 of 17 goals met and remainder advancing).
 - Under the GLBTS, the 2 nations also agreed to consider new substances that may pose threats to the GLB.
 - At the 10th anniversary meeting (May, 2007), ideas were sought on moving forward. Stakeholders raised the challenge of emerging substances of interest.
- **Goal moving forward:**
 - Consider next set of substances and sectors and begin working on voluntary chemical management methods

4 Step Process for Achieving Results

1. Information gathering
2. Analysis of current regulations, initiatives and programs
3. Identify cost-effective options to achieve further reductions
4. Implement actions

Proposed Path Forward – now to December 2009

Timeline	Deliverable	4-Step Process
Dec 2008 – Feb 2009	Move first three substances through the framework and solicit stakeholder comments (NPEs, PBDEs, PFOS)	Step 1 - Information gathering Step 2 - Analysis of current regulations, initiatives and programs
March 2009	Move another 3-5 substances through the framework and solicit stakeholder comments	Steps 1 and 2
April – May 2009	Parties review stakeholder comments and determine which substances should move forward for further action under the GLBTS	Steps 1 and 2
June 2009	GLBTS workshop/brainstorming with stakeholders to explore opportunities under the GLBTS	Step 3 - Options for the management of substance(s)
December 2009	Identify Potential Substance and/or Sector based Projects, with management objectives and timelines	Step 4 – Potential New Challenge Goals and Timelines for GLBTS identified