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Joint Advisory Committee and Border 2012 Meetings to be Held in El Paso, Texas and Anthony, NM on Thursday

Gatherings to Focus on U.S. and Mexico Environmental Goals along the Border

Two meetings to improve the environment and strengthen relationships among leaders along the U.S./Mexico border will be held Thursday.

The meetings will highlight binational efforts to improve public health and environmental quality for communities in our region of the U.S.-Mexico border. Discussions will include air, water, groundwater quality and other issues.

The 50th Meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee for the Improvement of Air Quality in the Paso del Norte Air Basin will be held:

Date: Thursday November 4
Time: 1 to 3:15 p.m.
Location: Chamizal National Memorial, Theater Auditorium
Address: 800 South San Marcial, El Paso, Texas

The Border 2012 New Mexico/Texas/Chihuahua Regional Work Group Public Meeting will be held:

Date: Thursday, November 4
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Location: Women's Intercultural Center
Address: 303 Lincoln St., Anthony, N.M.

Dignitaries from the U.S. and Mexico will attend the events.

In 1996, the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) for Air Quality Improvement in the Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua / El Paso, Texas / Doña Ana County, New Mexico Air Basin was created under the La Paz Agreement. The JAC serves an oversight role in Paso del Norte air quality management. Thursday's event marks a milestone in that it is the 50th meeting between its members.

U.S.-Mexico Environmental Program Border 2012 is collaboration between the United States and Mexico to improve the environment and protect the health of the nearly 12 million people living along the border. The bi-national program focuses on cleaning the air, providing safe drinking water, reducing the risk of exposure to hazardous waste, and ensuring emergency preparedness along the U.S.-Mexico border. The 2,000 mile boundary between the U.S. and Mexico, characterized by large deserts, numerous mountain ranges, rivers, wetlands, large estuaries, and shared aquifers, is a center of extraordinary population growth and environmental concern for both countries. For more information on the program, visit <http://www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder> .

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