



Inspection training in Antofogasta, May 2011

U.S. – Chile Enforcement and Inspection Capacity Building

Chile's Superintendent of the Environment (SMA) has new responsibilities for conducting environmental inspections and taking appropriate enforcement actions for environmental violations. Under the U.S.-Chile Environmental Cooperation Agreement, and with support from the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is collaborating with SMA on trainings and policy development, helping to strengthen the capacity of SMA staff and inspectors in other ministries.

- EPA conducted three inspection train-the-trainer sessions in Santiago, Antofogasta and Puerto Montt in 2011. By the last session, SMA instructors created their own version of the course and are now teaching the material themselves to inspectors at the national and municipal levels.
- In October, 2012, EPA and SMA presented the enforcement and inspection course in Peru with the Organismo de Evaluación y Fiscalización Ambiental de Peru (OEFA) as an example of south-south cooperation. Experts from Peru and Chile shared experiences as both confront similar challenges and opportunities with their growing enforcement programs and increased responsibilities.
- Experts from the EPA and consultants with the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE) and Industrial Economics, Inc. (IEc) are coordinating with SMA to develop a Chilean methodology for calculating sanctions for environmental violations that fully recaptures the economic benefits derived when the violator does not comply with legal expectations.
- EPA and SMA are adapting and deploying EPA's NEPAassist GIS-Web based tool to access, integrate and analyze data useful in EIA and enforcement in Chile.



On-site Inspection Training, Antofogasta, May 2011



Chilean and U.S. Trainers meet with Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Perú's Minister of Environment.



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