

Preliminary Report Description: Clean Fuels and Vehicles Recommendations Plan for Central America and the Dominican Republic

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Basics

- Report being prepared under EPA Grant on Urban Air Quality in Central America and Dominican Republic
- Fuel/Vehicle Tasks:
 - Review existing fleet and fuel information on country basis
 - Make contact with stakeholders (primarily environmental ministry staff, key NGOs and contacts in region)
 - Develop report with summary of information, analysis of options, and recommendations
- English Draft for Review- May 2009
- Final Translated Draft – Sept 30, 2009 (contractual)

Report Purpose & Limitations

- To provide technical assistance to the region on the analysis of options for clean fuels and vehicles
 - In coordination with PCFV and country-level efforts
 - Designed to serve as a foundation for national and regional scale actions to reduce air pollution from fuels and vehicles
 - High-level summary information
- **Recommendations will require** further study by national and regional workgroups prior to implementation

Methodology

- Reviewed past studies in the region,
 - E.g., Central America Commission on Environment and Development, Diagnóstico de la Normativa Técnica sobre Calidad del Aire en Centroamérica, 2007.
- Conducted phone interviews with key NGOs
- Conducting surveys of national government officials:
 - Dominican Republic- responded
 - Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama- “working on reply”
 - Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua- no response to date

Report Outline

1. Report Goals/Introduction
2. State of Affairs
3. Options Analysis

E.g., Biodiesel in selected fleets, I/M Programs, Import Controls, Low Sulfur Fuels, Fuel Sampling and Analysis, Diesel PM Retrofits

4. Recommendations

Keeping it “brief”: <20 Pages (High-level Summary)

Next Steps

- Need majority of country survey responses to proceed
- Hoping for reviews of preliminary draft by EPA experts and NGOs (including PCFV and implementing partners such as Molina Center) in May 2009
- Final draft August/Sept 2009
- **Follow-up or outreach requires** further partnerships with other NGOs and stakeholders