

- 1) N/A
- 2) Energy issues are very relevant, involving cross-border electricity and natural gas trade as well as efforts to increase reliance on renewable energy and energy efficiency on both sides of the border.
- 3) While the GLO is not directly involved in flow of commerce at ports of entry, we have worked with various proposals to allow Natural Gas Vehicles and other alternative fuels to have HOV access. This could improve air quality that results from bridge congestion.
- 4) N/A
- 5) N/A
- 6) N/A
- 7) The GLO is working closely with the North American Development Bank on its energy programs, including the use of renewable energy in existing and future public infrastructure projects. Using grant funds from the EPA, a showcase project is being installed at the new water purification plant under construction for the City of San Benito.
- 8) Yes, we are still researching. The topic has attracted significant attention at the annual US-Mexico Border Energy Forum organized by the GLO.
- 9) Regional air quality is a concern, and emphasizing natural gas as a fuel of choice and increasing reliance on renewable energy and energy efficiency also contributes to improvements.
- 10) N/A
- 11) Since the first Border Energy Forum held in 1994 in El Paso, the GLO has staged this annual conference to improve communications on energy issues, develop new partnerships, and increase the priority of natural gas and sustainable energy projects.
- 12) The border energy program improves access to information about energy projects and capabilities, through the annual US-Mexico Border Energy Forum, outreach to educators, and involvement in local and regional sustainable energy groups.
- 13) N/A
- 14) N/A

15) a. Working with a wide variety of state and federal agencies, the General Land Office organizes an annual Border Energy Forum to bring together energy experts, government officials and business leaders from both sides of the border. They discuss the region's current and future energy needs and their relationship to the environment. After a successful 14<sup>th</sup> annual Forum in San Diego in October 2007, the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Border Energy Forum is scheduled for Monterrey, Nuevo León, on October 23 and 24, 2008. The Forum will meet in Houston in 2009; it has been held in Texas more than in any other state.

b. The border program has started a bilingual energy education project working with counterpart agencies in neighboring states. Using grant funds from the EPA, it also is installing a demonstration photovoltaic solar project in San Benito.

c. The Land Office's Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program also works with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Mexican Navy on major oil spill drills to test coordination in case disaster should ever strike