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All of us at CIELAP hope you have enjoyed your summer.

CIELAP ACTIVITIES OVER THE SUMMER:

Some of the issues that CIELAP has been working on over the summer include: a presentation to the Senate Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development on Bill C-32 (CEPA); workshops on biotechnology and organic agriculture in Costa Rica with our partner organization, Fundacion Ambio; launching our map of Canada project displaying releases and transfers of pollutants based on the 1996 National Pollutant Release Inventory data collected by Environment Canada.

STAFF CHANGES:

There were also some staff changes at CIELAP over the summer. Greg Jenish, who has been a project officer at CIELAP for over five years, left at the beginning of August to take up a position at the LURA Group in Toronto. Jan Rabantek, who has been a project officer at CIELAP for over four years, left at the end of August to pursue his interests in the area of organic agriculture. We miss them both. We all met on Thursday September 9 for a reunion and to wish Greg and Jan well in their future pursuits. We gave them a gift to remember us by - pens with their names enscribed on them.

NEW PROJECTS:

CIELAP has exciting new projects for the 1999/00 year. These include working with the Canadian Environmental law Association and the Canadian Environmental Defence Fund on Right to Know issues; a continuation of our joint work with Fundacion Ambio in Costa Rica on biotechnology and organic agriculture; the work of the Ontario Clean Air Alliance (OCAA) and the distribution their new poster on air pollution. As well we will be releasing later this month Ontario's Environment and the Common Sense Revolution: A Four Year Report; completing by the end of December a report on law and policy issues relating to mining in Canada; beginning the research on a discussion document on the role of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA).

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Our Annual General Meeting will be held in November. Details will be on our web page soon.