

MEMBER COUNTRY PROFILE - MEXICO

Country:	Mexico
Organization:	National Agency for Industrial Safety and Environmental Protection of the Hydrocarbons Sector (ASEA)
Regime Scope:	ASEA is responsible for regulating and supervising in terms of industrial and operational safety and environmental protection, the facilities and activities related to the hydrocarbons sector.
Administering Agency /Arrangements:	ASEA is a decentralized agency of the Ministry of Environment (SEMARNAT) created by constitutional reform in 2013 to regulate and supervise the hydrocarbons sector on everything related to Industrial Safety and Environmental Protection.
Legislation Type:	Federal regulations and legal standards.
Extent of Government Approval:	Issuance, suspension and/or cancellation of permits, authorizations and licenses for environmental impacts and risks affecting the hydrocarbons industry. Authorizes Safety and Environmental Management Systems.
Nature of Duties Imposed:	Regulation is oriented to guarantee individual's safety and environmental protection with legal, procedural and cost-effectiveness certainty in the hydrocarbons sector.
Physical Objects in the Regime:	Onshore/Offshore Upstream, Midstream, Downstream and Retail Including pipelines, refineries and service stations.
Assurance Mechanisms:	ASEA supervises monitors and inspects for compliance of established regulation and legal standards.
Financial Basis:	ASEA budget is approved by the Mexican Congress, as part of the yearly Federal Budget. Fees and Fines. ASEA's Trust.
Environmental Regulation Responsibilities:	The agency is responsible for guaranteeing environmental protection during exploration and production; industrial processing; storage and distribution; and commercialization of hydrocarbons.

Oil Spill Response: The Agency should define technical elements that shall be included in protocols for emergency response, critical risk situations, and events that can cause harm to people, facilities and the environment. It shall participate in such protocols under the coordination of the competent authority (Mexican Navy).

ASEA requires that activities in the hydrocarbons sector are performed under Safety and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS). This instrument is authorized by ASEA. Operators must reflect on that document that they have emergency response plans and oil spill response plans when applicable.

Inter-government Agency Response

Transparency: Transparency is one of the key values of ASEA. The Agency is committed to make public and accessible every action done.

Research: N/A

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