



MEMBER COUNTRY PROFILE – MEXICO

Country:	Mexico
Organization:	National Agency for Industrial Safety and Environment Protection. of the Hydrocarbon Sector (ASEA)
Regime Scope:	ASEA regulates, supervises, and imposes sanctions in matters of Industrial Safety, Operational Safety and Environment Protection in relation to activities in the Hydrocarbons Sector, including the decommissioning and abandonment of facilities and the integral control of waste from the Sector.
Administering Agency / Arrangements:	ASEA is a deconcentrated administrative agency of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources ("SEMARNAT" for its acronym in Spanish), with technical and managerial autonomy. The Agency began operations on March 2, 2015.
Legislation Type:	The ASEA regulates through guidelines, directives, criteria, general administrative provisions necessary in the areas of competence and, where appropriate, official Mexican standards ("NOMs" for its acronym in Spanish). It also incorporates the best national and international practices and standards in the areas of Industrial Safety, Operational Safety, and environment protection applicable to the activities of the Hydrocarbons Sector.
Extent of Government Approval:	ASEA issues, suspends, revokes, or denies licenses, authorizations, permits and registrations in matters related to environmental matters, required for the development of activities in the Hydrocarbons Sector. The Agency authorizes and certifies individuals or legal entities to perform the activities of supervision, inspection and verification, evaluations, and technical investigations, as well as certification and audits established in ASEA's regulations.
Nature of Duties Imposed:	ASEA's regulation is based on Industrial Safety, Operational Safety and Environment Protection. The regulation is directed to guarantee the protection of people, the environment and safety in the facilities of the Hydrocarbon Sector providing legal and procedural certainty and cost-effectiveness in the Hydrocarbon Sector.
Physical Objects in the Regime:	Upstream, midstream, downstream and distribution.





Including wells, production facilities, pipelines, storage terminals, refineries, gas processing centers and retail petroleum service stations.

Assurance Mechanisms: The ASEA supervises and oversees compliance by the Regulated Entities with the laws, regulations, and other rules applicable to matters within its competence. To this end, it may perform and order certifications, audits, and verifications, as well as carry out inspection and supervision visits.

Financial Basis: The Mexican Chamber of Deputies is the authority responsible for approving the budget required by the Agency to perform its functions.

In addition, the Agency has other sources of income from the revenue generated from the products and profits paid to the Regulated Entities for the services provided by the Agency in accordance with its functions.

Finally, the ASEA Law provides for the existence of a trust whose resources are destined to cover the necessary expenses to comply with the Agency's functions in subsequent fiscal years, in conformity with the principles referred to in Article 134 of the Mexican Constitution.

Environmental Regulation Responsibilities:

The ASEA is in charge of ensuring the protection of the environment, including the integral management of waste and the integral control of atmospheric emissions during extraction, industrial processes, and the development of activities in the Hydrocarbon Sector.

The purpose of the regulations issued is to promote, use and develop the activities of the hydrocarbon industry in a sustainable manner.

Oil Spill Response:

The Agency establishes through its regulation, the technical elements that must be considered by the Regulated Entities in the elaboration of emergency response protocols, as well as for the attention to emergencies, critical risk situations, and events that may cause damage to people, facilities, and the environment. It will participate in these protocols under the coordination of the competent authority ("Secretaría de Marina").

ASEA relies on the Industrial Safety, Operational Safety and Environmental Protection Management Systems (SASISOPA), which are a comprehensive set of interrelated and documented elements whose purpose is to prevent, control and improve the performance of a facility or group of facilities in matters of Industrial Safety, Operational Safety and Environment Protection. Before starting any operation, Regulated Entities must demonstrate that they are managing risks and that they have emergency response plans and oil spill response plans.





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Likewise, the ASEA establishes the mechanisms through which the Regulated Entities must report claims, accidents, incidents, emergencies, leaks, and spills related to the activities of the Hydrocarbon Sector.

The regulations of the ASEA cover, among other aspects, the prevention and containment of hydrocarbon spills and leaks in the facilities and activities of the Sector and the remediation processes of the effects that may result, in coordination with the administrative units of the SEMARNAT.

Transparency:

ASEA's actions are governed by the principles of effectiveness, efficiency, honesty, impartiality, objectivity, productivity, professionalism, transparency, social participation, and accountability.

ASEA complies with the obligations of transparency in accordance with the law on the matter. In this regard, ASEA is committed to making all actions public and accessible.

Research:

Article 8 of the Agency's Internal Regulations provides that a Scientific Committee shall provide technical elements that, due to their complexity, require the support of experts in the subject matter in question.

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