

Mexico Officials Visit Los Angeles to Gain Insight on Efficient Water Systems and Technologies

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Mexican officials visit Los Angeles to discuss water management solutions. They are working together to build the biggest sewage water treatment plant in Latin America, which will treat 60% of sewage waters generated in Mexico City.

Nine members from Mexico's National Water Commission (CONAGUA) and Mexico City's Government Water System (SACM) who have been chosen by the U.S. Embassy in Mexico to visit the U.S. to gain insight on efficient water systems and technologies in view of the Atotonilco sewage system they will jointly construct, will be in Los Angeles November 8th through November 16th, 2010. The International Visitors Council of Los Angeles (IVCLA) is coordinating their program in Los Angeles County.

Mexico City's Metropolitan Zone, the most populated area of Mexico, has one of the most complex hydraulic problems in the world. The current over exploitation of Mexico City's aquifers has not only forced the city to depend on external water sources located several miles beyond the city limits but it has also caused the sinking and collapse of the sewage water system. These participants in the U.S Department of State sponsored International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) are working together to build the biggest sewage water treatment plant in Latin America, which will treat 60% of sewage waters generated in Mexico City.

The IVLP participants include five members of CONAGUA, the federal agency in charge of administering and preserving Mexico's waters. The other four visitors are officials from Mexico City's Government Water System (SACM): the Deputy Director for Verification of Hydraulic Systems, the Director for Water Quality Control, the Deputy Director for Water Supply to Sectors and the Chief of the Call Center for Users and Water Meters.

IVCLA is a community non-profit organization working to increase international understanding and cooperation through educational, economic, political and cultural exchanges.

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