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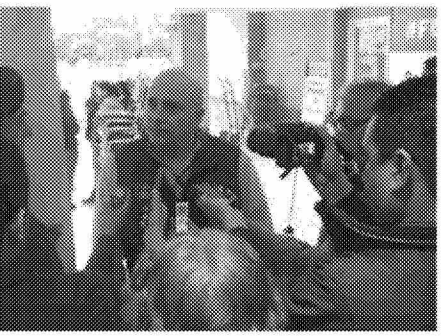
Eagle Pass/Piedras Negras E-Waste Recycling Program Kicks Off

ednesday, February 9th, the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) announced at the Piedras Negra
lall the launching of a binational electronic waste management
ct for this community in the Mexican state of Coahuila and the
f Eagle Pass, Texas. The project has received $625,000 pesos in
assistance from the U.S.-Mexico Border 2020 Environmental
am. The Piedras Negras Technological Institute (ITPN) signed an
ment to administer the project and received the grant funds to
rt this collaborative effort.

Secretary Eglantina Canales said that this project addresses a serious problem

remarks, Eglantina Canales, head of Coahuila's Secretariat of
nvironment (SEMA) emphasized that this project addresses the
em of the failure to collect electrical and electronic equipment
end of their life cycle, and recognized the young students of
reen Tec-Osos group for their current involvement in this
ct, which will lead them in the future to further the environmental leadership that is so desperately needed in all
ent regions of Mexico.



Hernandez from BECC is interviewed

During an interview, BECC Project Manager Jorge Hernandez explained that the project's main objective is to raise awareness and provide environmental educati the community to prevent the inappropriate dumping of electrical and electronic equipment into local streams and vacant lots, a practice that contributes to pollu the waters of the Rio Grande and the Amistad Reservoir. The communities of Eagl Pass and Piedras Negras are implementing a joint effort to provide for the final disposal of these wastes. He said that part of the outcome of the 18-month long project will be the establishment of permanent e-waste collection centers in Piec Negras. This type of collection facilities is already in operation in Eagle Pass.

Representing the Mayor of Pie Negras, Jessica Velasco deliver message

The project intends to develop sustainable materials gement practices that enhance the market value of e-waste materials and contribute to sustainable recovery and recycling. The project intends to achieve this goal by menting an environmental and health education campaign with assistance of the Piedras s education sector, through ITPN, the Green Tec-Osos Environmental Group and its more 200 associates, and SEMA Coahuila. The project expects to collect 50 tons of e-waste in border cities.

a Velazquez-Castellanos, Piedras Negras Municipal Trustee, on behalf of Mayor Fernando -Johnston, said the City, through its participation in this project, reaffirms its itment to environmental care.

nts of the Green Tec-Osos group

Eagle Pass Mayor Ramsey English Cantu noted that this has been a long-stan problem for the two neighboring communities. He said the most important t is that both communities have made everything possible to address the issue said in Eagle Pass, for several years, there has been a large number of TV se and computers that are not properly recycled and have the potential to poll the soil. He recognized the efforts being made to eliminate this type of pollution.

ITPN Director Oswaldo Padilla thanked all the government agencies that supported and joined this environmental project that has become a reality a result of the hard work that the Green Tec-Osos group has put in during a number of years. He also said that, in addition to e-waste collection, an eve important component of the project is the series of discussions and workshops that will be provided to children a at local schools and subdivisions in both cities.

Manuel Ibarra, founder of the ITPN's Green Tec-Osos group, said the project developed by his organization ished a goal of collecting 50 tons of e-waste in both border cities.

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