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According to Scott Peters of the Baker & McKenzie consulting firm, approximately 30% of the maquiladora plants in the Tijuana area generate toxic waste and will continue to pollute the environment as long as the Mexican government does not force compliance with the La Paz Accord. Established in 1983, the accord requires that all waste generated by maquiladoras in Mexico must be returned to the country of origin. Peters said Mexican authorities have detected 500,000 metric tons of toxic material near the border area, comprised mainly of paints and solvents, heavy metals, cyanide, and resinous compounds. "The lack of resources at the Urban Development and Ecology Secretariat (SEDUE) makes effective implementation of Mexico's ecological [conservation] laws impossible," he said. According to Peters, SEDUE employs only nine inspectors to monitor over 500 maquiladora plants in the Tijuana area, and they share the use of only one telephone line. (Source: El Financiero, 07/09/91)

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