Industrial Chamber Requests Pemex Keep Guadalajara Plant Open

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On Nov. 11, Jose Palacios Jimenez, president of the Council of Industrial Chambers of Jalisco state (Consejo de Camaras Industriales de Jalisco, CCIJ) suggested that the state-owned oil company PEMEX keep open its storage and distribution facility in Guadalajara's La Nogalera neighborhood. Earlier this year, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari recommended that La Nogalera plant be shut down. The plant was discovered to be the source of an oil leak that caused a series of sewer explosions in Guadalajara. (For related stories, see SourceMex, 05/06/92, 05/20/92.) As an alternative, Palacios Jimenez recommended that PEMEX be allowed to turn the area around La Nogalera into an industrial zone. From an economic standpoint, he said, relocation of residents currently living near the plant would be preferable to closing the facility. However, Palacios Jimenez did emphasize that the PEMEX plant and the city of Guadalajara should adopt strict environmental safeguards in the zone. Any such measures would be funded in part by revenues obtained from keeping the plant open. (Source: Notimex, 11/11/92)