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On Feb. 3, US Senators Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.) introduced legislation which would establish an US$15 million environmental fund to address pollution concerns along the US-Mexico border. Under the bill, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would be provided with US$10 million to identify sources of air, water and land contamination along the border, and take steps to resolve the problems. The other US$5 million would be allocated for operations of the International Boundary and Water Commission, a binational body with jurisdiction over the entire US-Mexico border. The plan also urges the State Department to negotiate a treaty with Mexico which would address emergencies arising from contamination along the border. (Source: Notimex, 02/03/93)

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