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North American Data for Off-site Transfers: Overview of Issues and Gaps

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* "Transfers to Disposal" includes the following six sub-categories of transfers:

1. to Landfill or Surface Impoundment
2. to Underground Injection
3. to Land Application
4. to Stabilization or Treatment Prior to Disposal
5. to Storage Prior to Disposal
6. to Other Disposal (unknown)

** "Transfers to Further Management" includes the following three sub-categories of transfers:

1. to Treatment
2. to Sewage/WWTP
3. to Energy Recovery

Transfers to Disposal (Taking Stock)	Incomplete (or missing) information	Data gaps due to different reporting requirements / shared jurisdiction
Landfills / Surface Impoundment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Canada and U.S.: Some questions about designation of recipient landfills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mexico: shared jurisdiction (DGGIMAR) over « controlled confinement » for hazardous waste/RETC substances
Underground Injection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Canada and U.S.: shared national/sub-national jurisdiction ▪ Mexico: not reported separately (considered a treatment method)
Land Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Canada and U.S.: Poor/inexact data for recipient locations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mexico: not a reporting category
Storage Prior to Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lack of clarity about the ultimate disposal method 	
Other Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reporting category in U.S. and Mexico; no information about how wastes are handled. 	