

## IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### Notes on Format

In order to maintain a consistency of presentation on the lengthy background chapters, we used the same A-to-Z subject format designed for the 2007 CEDS. This will make it easier to reference different subjects and tables for frequent users of the document.

Narrative writeups generally follow the order of data and information in the tables, and are divided into subsections (or parts) limited to more detailed aspects of the subject. Subsections based on tables also include the table number references.

Where new information or statistics were available and relatively easy to access, the tables and narrative sections were revised and updated. Since most information today is available on websites, we were generally more selective about duplicating information with extreme or specialized levels of detail.

Where no new updating from the data sources occurred, the tables and narratives remain.

Factors taken into account when selecting data included availability, timeliness, reliability, and responsiveness to the analysis focus on a particular subject. Data sources are included at the bottom of the tables, along with the date of release, access, or table compilation date. A large portion of data in the 2013 CEDS was accessed on the Internet and Websites. Other sources included information in SLVDRG's hardcopy library; published reports; newsletters and magazines; newspapers; and customized summaries and interviews provided by various agencies.