

- SIDE EVENT -

"MERCURY WASTES - LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, TOOLS AND PRACTICES FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT"

organized by the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and the Minamata Convention Secretariat

Thursday 9 June 2022, 6:15 pm – 7:45 pm CEST CICG ROOM 11 & 12 & ONLINE

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AGENDA

Opening remarks (6:15 pm - 6:25 pm)

- Koji Ono, Ministry of the Environment, Japan, colead of the Mercury Waste Management Area
- Eisaku Toda, Secretariat of the Minamata Convention
- 1. Available guidance and tools (6:25 pm 6:50 pm) Facilitated by Stéphanie Laruelle, Secretariat of the Global Mercury Partnership

Technical guidelines on the Environmentally Sound Management of Mercury Wastes under the Basel Convention, *by Kaoru Oka, EX Research Institute Ltd.*

Tools developed in the context of the Global Mercury Partnership Area on Waste Management, *by Nicolas Humez, International Solid Waste Association*

- Questions and Answers-

2. Panel Discussion on mercury waste management: perspectives and practices (6:50 pm – 7:40 pm)

Facilitated by Ana Garcia, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain and Judith Torres, Ministry of Housing, Territorial Planning and Environment, Uruguay, co-leads of the Partnership Area on Supply and Storage

- Anahit Aleksandryan, *Ministry of Environment, Armenia*
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- Christian Stiels, Econ Industries
- Mohammed Oglah Khashashneh, Ministry of Environment, Jordan
- Philippe Zanettin, *BATREC*
- Ram Charitra Sah, Center for Public Health and Environmental Development (CEPHED), Nepal

- Questions and Answers-

Closing remarks (7:40 pm – 7:45 pm) by Rodges Ankrah, US-EPA, *Co-chair of the Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group*



OPENING REMARKS Koji Ono

Ministry of the Environment, Japan, Co-lead of the Waste Management Area





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SESSION 1 - Available guidance and tools

Facilitated by Stéphanie Laruelle Coordinator of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership





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Technical Guidelines for ESM of Mercury Wastes

Kaoru Oka EX Research Institute, Ltd., Japan

June 9, 2022



BASEL CONVENTION TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

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Changes to reflect the developments on mercury wastes under the Minamata Convention

Events relevant to mercury wastes under the Basel and Minamata Conventions

Year	BASEL Convention		MINAMATA Convention
2010	Adopted the TG on mercury wastes	mercury into c	waste is managed in an environmentally sound manner, taking a second manner in the source of the second manner in the second sec
2013	Decided on the programme of work inclu the update of the TG on mercury wastes	ding	INC agreed on the convention text (Jan.) and the diplomatic conference adopted the text (Oct.)
2015	Adopted the updated TG on mercury wa	stes	
2017			MC entered into force (Aug.) and held COP1 (Nov.)
2018			(Nov.) COP2: Invited the Basel COP to consider reviewing the TG (MC- $2/2$)
2019	(May) COP14: Decided to update the cur TG, started discussion at SIWG	rrent	(November) COP3: Decided to set no thresholds for wastes consisting and containing mercury or mercury compounds and for overburden and waste rock from mining other than primary mercury mining
2022	(Apr.) OEWG12: recommended the COP consider adopting the draft updated TG (Jun.) COP15: Possible adoption of the dr	raft	(Mar.) COP4: Decided to set two-tier thresholds for tailings from mining other than primary mercury mining and no thresholds for ASGM tailings, decided to add target mercury-added products, and adopted the guidance on
	updated TG		management of ASGM tailings 8

Contents of Basel TG for ESM of mercury wastes

	Section	Content
I	Introduction	A. Scope, B. About mercury
II	Relevant provisions of the Basel Convention and international linkages	A. Basel Convention B. International linkages (<mark>Minamata Convention</mark> , UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, Heavy Metal Protocol, SAICM)
III	Guidance on environmentally sound management (ESM)	 A. General considerations B. Legislative and regulatory framework C. Identification and inventory D. Sampling, analysis and monitoring E. Waste prevention and minimization F. Handling, separation, collection, packaging, labelling, transportation and storage G. Environmentally sound disposal H. Reduction of mercury releases from thermal treatment and landfilling of waste I. Management of contaminated sites J. Health and safety K. Emergency response9 L. Awareness and participation

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Changes to reflect developments under the MC

ltem	Existing TG	Draft updated TG
Scope	Hazardous wastes and other wastes as defined by the Basel Convention (BC)	+ Mercury wastes as defined by the Minamata Convention (MC)
Relevant provisions of the MC	Texts of the MC	+ Decisions adopted by the Minamata COP
Identification of sources of mercury wastes	Sources, categories and examples of mercury wastes based on existing documents	+ Examples of waste types based on the lists of mercury wastes adopted by the Minamata COP
Waste prevention and minimization (ASGM)	mercury-free techniques and mercury capture and recycling	+Requirements under the MC, amended guidance on developing a NAP with a new chapter presenting recommendations to manage ASGM tailings
(VCM production)	mercury-free process, development of mercury-free catalyst	+ Requirements under the MC, update of the mercury-free catalyst
(Chlor-alkali production)	Mercury-free process, the number of existing facilities with mercury cell	+ Requirements under the MC, update of the number of mercury cell plants and the guidance on decommissioning mercury cell plants

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Changes to reflect developments under the MC

ltem	Existing TG	Draft updated TG
Waste prevention and minimization (coal-fired power plant)	-	+ Coal washing, coal blending
(non-ferrous metal production)	-	+ Use of low-mercury concentrates, blending low-mercury concentrates
(crude oil and natural gas processing)	-	+ Return of spent catalysts and adsorbents to the manufacturers for recycling
(mercury-added products)	Introduction of mercury-free products and banning products containing Hg, setting maximum limits of mercury in products	+ Recent information on mercury-free products, mercury content limits for certain products under the MC
Management of contaminated sites	Identification of contaminated sites and emergency response, environmentally sound remediation	- Reference to the guidance on the management of contaminated sites adopted by the Minamata COP

Other changes

Section F.

Handling, separation, collection, packaging, labelling, transportation and storage

Changes in Collection and Transportation

ltem	Change
Collection	 Move the contents relevant to establishing collection programmes from the "separation" (para 149) + Guidance on ventilation at indoor collection stations/places (paras 154 and 155) + An example of "pre-paid shipping services" (para 160)
Transportation	 + Guidance on the shipping paper with emergency contact and certificate and on the container with signs (para 163) + Guidance on an insurance to cover damages from an accident (para 164)

Changes in Transportation and Storage

ltem	Change
Transportation	+ Guidance on transport of waste consisting of mercury (para 165)
Storage	 + Guidance to reduce risks of fire at storage facilities (para 170) + Guidance on the specification of containers for wastes consisting of mercury (para 173) + Guidance on the storage facilities for wastes consisting of mercury (para 174)

Section G. Environmentally Sound Disposal

Mercury recovery processes

- Pretreatment
- Recycling/reclamation/removal of mercury or mercury compounds

Operations not leading to recovery of mercury

- Physico-chemical treatment
- Disposal in specially engineered landfills
- Disposal in permanent storage (underground facilities)

Flow of mercury recovery from solid waste



Recycling/reclamation/removal of mercury

Thermal	 Used for wastes containing or contaminated with mercury (lamps, batteries, sludge, soils, activated carbon, catalysts)
treatment	 Example methods: rotary kiln distillation, roasting/retorting facilities equipped with mercury vapor collection technology
Chemical oxidation	 Used for liquid/aqueous waste such as slurry & tailings from ASGM Example oxidizing agents: sodium hypochlorite, ozone, hydrogen peroxide and chlorine dioxide
Adsorption treatment	 Used for liquid waste Example adsorption materials: activated carbon, zeolite

Changes in Mercury Recovery Process

ltem	Change
Pre-treatment	 + Specific mercury levels (e.g. 05-5 µg/L) to a receiving water body after appropriate pretreatment (para 185) + A reference document on mercury reduction from waste pretreatment (para 188)
Thermal treatment	 Updated information about the rotary kiln distillation process (para 193) + An example of treating wastes contaminated with mercury in a continuous roasting and reactivation kiln (para 195)

Physico-chemical Treatment

Stabilization and solidification Used for wastes consisting of mercury and wastes contaminated with mercury

• Example methods: chemical conversion to mercury sulfide, amalgamation

Used for soil and sediment contaminated with mercury

Soil washing

Methods: physical particle size separation + aqueous-based chemical separation

Acid extraction

- Used for solid waste (extract metal contaminants by dissolving them in acid)
- Example extracting chemicals: hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid

Changes in Physico-chemical Treatment

ltem	Change
Stabilization and solidification	 + A note that sometimes S/S (stabilization and solidification) is referred to as "conversion" (para 205) + Guidance that measures to prevent fire incidents and releases of gaseous mercury should be considered at the stage of planning disposal facilities for wastes consisting of mercury gone through the S/S process (para 212) + An example of large-scale S/S process (wet chemical reaction) (para 218)

Disposal

Specially engineered landfills Accepts wastes consisting of mercury or mercury compounds resulted from stabilization and solidification and wastes contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds that meet acceptance criteria



Permanent storage (underground facilities) Accepts mercury wastes that meet acceptance criteria in special containers in designated areas in underground storage facilities such as salt mines



Changes in Disposal

ltem	Change
Specially engineered landfill	 An example of China's acceptance criteria for hazardous waste landfills (BOX 12) Streamlined the contents (paras 215 to 218) and referred to the Basel TG on specially engineered landfills (para 236)
Permanent storage	 An example of the EU regulation on the disposal of wastes consisting of mercury that underwent the S/S process (BOX 15)

Changes in other sections

Section	Change
H. Reduction of mercury releases from thermal treatment and landfilling of waste	+ SO ₂ concentration as a factor that influences a selection of a process to control mercury flue gas emissions
J. Health and safety	+ Guidance on an exposure assessment and appropriate monitoring and industrial hygiene practices
L. Awareness and participation	+ Guidance on establishing procedures to communicate with local authorities regarding mercury releases from mercury disposal facilities and on hosting community awareness forums

Thank you for your attention !

UNEP EVENT

BRS COPs Side event: Mercury Wastes - latest developments, tools and practices for their environmentally sound management - 9 June 2022

9 June 2022 Hybrid (Geneva, Switzerland and online), 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm CEST



Tools developed in the context of the Global Mercury Partnership Area on Waste Management

Nicolas Humez, ISWA and Member of the GMP-WMA





GMP - Waste Management Area (WMA)

- Established in 2008 with over 100 Partners
- Lead: Dr. Misuzu Asari (Associate Professor, Kyoto University) Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ)
- Objective:

"To promote the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes by developing and disseminating relevant materials, enhancing capacities and awareness and providing specific solutions at the global, regional, national and local levels."

• Partners:





Findings

GMP-WMA Survey (11-2020/03-2021)



There are still obstacles to ESM of Hg waste





Whatever is the category of Hg waste: Obstacles are in many different implementation areas

In addition, from ISWA perspectives: High demand from developing countries and TG is technical but not practical



Fact Sheets:

To provide practical & comprehensive answers for safe management of relevant mercury waste streams





Achievements

→Join forces from GMP-WMA/WG1 members and ISWA Hazardous Waste WG members

Finalisation of:

- Road Map
- Fact sheet template
- Draft list of Hg waste streams
- Agreement on the first Hg Waste Stream





Priority List of Hg waste streams

GMP-WMA Survey (11-2020/03-2021)



Main concern on Waste containing Hg and Hg compounds



Elemental Hg from different sources & Specifically mining activities

Lamps & Measuring devices

Tailings & Other waste from manufacturing processes (O&G, NFM Production)





Poll, Top 1 priority among the list & Way forwards



Start with NEMD (consistent with the MIAs from Parties to MC)

- Gather documentation
- Discussion on a first draft in the coming weeks
- Objective: Template completed for the ISWA World Congress, Sept 2022





Expectations for an ESM of Hg waste streams

GMP-WMA Survey (11-2020/03-2021)



All items of concern will be covered in the Fact Sheets

Information should be presented in such a way as to be understandable and usable by both experts and nonexperts, reliable according to the Technical Guidelines and available in several languages such as English, French and Spanish





Catalog of technologies and services on Hg waste management

- The Catalogue contains mercury waste treatment technologies and services owned by 12 Partners of the WMA, including the technologies to treat different types of mercury wastes (wastes consisting of, containing and contaminated with Hg)
- The Catalogues has been updated annually and available at the website of the UNEP-Global Mercury Partnership
- Possible digitalization and mapping of mercury waste treatment facilities will be considered

	UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Waste Management Area
	Catalogue of Technologies and Services on Mercury Waste Management
	2021
	This catalogue has been complied by Associate Professor. Misuzu Asari, Kyoto University and Ministry of the Environment, Japan, the leads of the Waste Management Area (WMA) under the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership in cooperation with the partners of the WMA, with a view to disseminate information of technologies, products, services related to mercury waste management owned by partners in an effective manner.
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management-2021-version





Catalog content

Section	No.	Technology/service holder	Keyword
Technologies and services on mercury waste management	1	APPELGLOBAL	Recovery, removal, decontamination, monitoring, amalgam, mining residue, mercury-free gold extraction
	2	Association of Lighting and Mercury Recyclers	Separation, recovery, mercury product waste, engineering design, fluorescent lamps
	3	BATREC Industrie AG	Stabilization, recovery, product waste, adsorbents, amalgams, mining residues, oil & gas, chlor-alkali
	4	ECOCYCLE PTY LTD	Mining residue, recovery, separation, product waste, distillation, crushing, oil & gas
	5	Ecologic, S. A.	Recovery, product waste, disposal, circular economy, e-waste, scrap metal
	6	econ industries services GmbH	Recovery, stabilization, solidification, engineering design, distillation, on-site conversion
	7	International Dental Manufacturer's Association	Amalgam, collection, separation
	8	Nomura Kohsan Co., Ltd	Stabilization, solidification, recovery, disposal, product waste, oil & gas
	9	REMONDIS QR	Recovery, disposal, stabilization, distillation, Basel export license
	10	TerraCycle Regulated Waste, LLC	Separation, recovery, product waste, fluorescent lamps
Related technologies and services	11	CURIUM	Removal, decontamination, engineering design, monitoring, contaminated sites, chlor-alkali
	12	SICK AG	Reduction, removal, adsorbent, mercury compounds, engineering design, monitoring

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SESSION 1

Questions & Answers





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SESSION 2: Panel discussion on mercury waste management: perspectives and practices

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BRS COPs side event - 9 June, 2022

BATREC's experience in Mercury Waste Management Philippe Zanettin, Plant Manager

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BATREC and **VEOLIA** – A global network







Waste received at Batrec

- Batteries : >95% are coming from the collection in Switzerland, with a few containing mercury (button cells)
- Mercury wastes : >95% are coming from abroad under Basel notifications
 - Hazardous Waste Collectors (all kind of mercury wastes)
 - Chlor alkali (mercury to be stabilized, sludges, devices...)
 - Non ferrous metal industry: Industrial gold mining (mercury to be stabilized, PPE)
 - Oil and gas industry (adsorbents, sludges,...)

Waste seldom received at Batrec

- Sites remediation: Soils in high volumes with low Hg contamination (on site treatment, landfill or underground storage)
- Fluorescent lamps and energy-saving bulbs (dedicated facilities)
- Oil and gas industry: oily sludges
- Non ferrous metal industry: Zink industry Hg2Cl2 (Calomel from the Boliden Norzink Process) or HgSe (Sulfuric Acid Selenium scrubber)



Figure 2—Mercury in form of (A) cinnabar (free and enclosed in other minerals), (B and C) alloys of gold, silver, and mercury, and (D) metallic mercury (AMTEL Institute, 2008)



Types of Hg wastes treated at BATREC



The challenge lies in identifying and collecting mercury wastes especially from remote areas and in small quantities





- Homogenous Hg-waste streams like activated carbon or mercury guards can be dealt with using standardised processes
- Hg-Sludge, depending on the origin (pH, organic content..), may need a pre-treatment
- Mixed Hg-Waste, need manual handling and sorting

The challenge lies in identifying the right way to treat the waste and also how to deal with the residues (mercury...)







Mercury guards

Activated carbon









Mercury in small packaging

Laboratory chemicals







COD Testing tubes

Laboratory Chemicals





Amalgam separators and amalgams









Switches





Relay and rectifier

Treatment of Mercury Wastes





Mercury Waste High temperature treatment





Mercury Waste High temperature treatment: Process Flow Diagram





Mercury wastes distillation: Process Flow Diagram





Mercury Stabilisation





Mercury Stabilisation







Process characteristics

- ✓ <u>batch</u> process
- ✓ wet process at low temperatures in a closed circuit limits the risk of Hg emissions
- ✓ <u>no gaseous Hg</u> in the process
- ✓ stabilisation solution is <u>regenerated</u>
 → zero effluents produced
- \checkmark <u>simple</u> reactants





Traceability chain for the stabilisation of Mercury





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Mercury Waste Management

Case Study of Gold Plating and Other sectors from Nepal

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Source Categories contributing to Mercury Release (19615 Kg Hg/Yr.) in Nepal



Nepal

High Mercury in waste water discharged from Gold Plating Workshop 100 % non-compliance of MOFE Standards

Sample Id	Mercury (mg/L)	TimesmorethanStandardNepalGenericStandardofWasteWatereffluentforWaterways/inland(mg/L)	What will happen		
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NPL -02	11478 🛩	1147800			
NPL -03	1.822	182.2	201 1 2 NPL- NIPI-011 PL-05		
NPL -04	0.627	62.7			
NPL -05	2.791	279.1	and the second		
Source: CEPHED 2019 Laboratory test results					

Mercury Monitoring In Metal Plating Women Workers of Child Bearing Age

Conducted by Biological Research Institute (BRI/IPEN/CEPHED 2017/18) with support of United Nations Office of Environment (UNO)

- Study was done in Lalitpur District
- 20 Women of childbearing age 18-44 years

Avg. THg (ppm)	Max. THg (ppm)	Min.THg (ppm0)				
3.62	28.46	0.35				
<u>www.mercuryconvention.org</u> or http://ipen.org/Mercury-Monitoring-in-Women						

According to results of Bio-monitoring of mercury in gold plating, women are **found to have very high.**

15 of 20(75%) exceed more than 1 ppm reference dose)



MERCURY MONITORING IN WOMEN OF CHILD-BEARING AGE IN THE ASIA & THE PACIFIC REGION











Waste Management Practices & Challenges INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW

PRIMITIVE :

- Untreated Wastewater discharged into water or land
- Cotton containing mercury: Burned to recover last remaining gold







Pic Source: Mr. Sanam Shakya, VP, FHAN,

WAY FORWARD

- **1. Inclusion of Gold Plating in MC and TWG**
- 2. Infrastructure Developments
- 3. Technical and Financial Assistance for ESM and MC Implementation
- 4. Strict mercury limits for waste (1 mg/Kg) in waste guidelines (MC & BC).
- 5. Robust and Efficient Technology innovation for Mercury capture to protect gold plating and waste workers
- 6. OSH Guideline for Hg Exposure for gold plating workshop.
- 7. Swift ratification of MC



Center for Public Health and Environmental Development (CEPHED), NEPAL FIRST IN

Established: October 2004

- Goal: Improved environment management and public health
- Vision: Bridging people with science and technology for healthy living and environment safety.
- **Research**, **Publication**, **Dissemination**, **Policy influences**, **Activities:** Feedback and model demonstration
- Global Linkage: IPEN, GAIA, ELAW, CEH, Toxics Link, ZMWG/EEB, WAMFD, Asian Center, ABAN, IBAS, ANROEV

Inter/National Recognitions: CEPHED Works Recognized all over and also serving many task force /committee formed under Government.



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Best Paper. Award 2015





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