Conducting Mercury Waste Inventories

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Basel Methodological Guide for Developing of Inventories of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes 2013

- Step 1 Interpretation of definitions Definition of waste, Definition of hazardous waste Step 2. Classification of Hazardous Waste(HW) streams
- Step 3. Defining the scope of the inventory
- Step 4. Identifying major HW generating facilities
- Step 5. Collecting site specific data from generators
- Step 6. Verifying site specific data from generators
- Step 7. Calculating national waste generation summaries
- Step 8. Data on HoW disposal and recycling
- Step 9. Data on HoW import and export
- Step 10. Assessment of results and conclusions
- Template and Forms for Inventories are noted in Annex 4 pages 69-74

UNEP ToolKit for Identification and Quantification of Mercury Release Guideline for Inventory Level 1 &2 April 2015

The Toolkit can be found on UNEP Chemicals Branch's website:

http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/Mercury/MercuryPublications/GuidanceTrainingMaterialToolkits/MercuryToolkit/tabid/4566/language/en-US/Default.aspx

- This guideline works closely together with the Toolkit electronic Inventory Level 1 spreadsheet for calculation of estimates of mercury inputs and releases
- All the UNEP Mercury Toolkit documents can be found on UNEP's website: http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/Mercury/MercuryPublications/GuidanceTrainingMaterialToolkits/MercuryToolkit/tabid/4566/language/en-US/Default.aspx
- Two levels of Inventories: Level 1 and Level 2

UNEP Toolkit Guideline for Inventory continued

- Level 1 Inventory forms are accessible as EXCEL spreadsheets
- Level 1 also includes a draft format for the report which would summarize the findings of the Level 1 (or 2) inventory
- The Level 2 document includes detailed descriptions of sources of mercury releases and mercury input/output factors for 64 types of production or use
- Mineral oils extraction, refining is noted in the Level 2 guide at 5.1.3
- Natural gas extraction, refining is noted in the Level 2 guide at 5.1.4
- Gold extraction using mercury amalgamation is noted in the Level 2 guide at 5.2.2
- Aluminum extraction and initial processing is noted in the Level 2 guide at 5.2.7