



National Atmospheric Deposition Program

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Dear UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Representative,

Enclosed is my application for membership of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

My name is David A. Gay, and I am the Coordinator of the National Atmospheric Deposition Program. The NADP is an international monitoring network based at the University of Illinois in the United States. Particularly for this application, two of the NADP's networks are the Mercury Deposition Network and the Atmospheric Mercury Network. The MDN measures the wet deposition of total mercury at 110 locations across the U.S. and Canada. The AMNet measures atmospheric concentrations of mercury (speciated) at 24 sites in North America and a new site in Taiwan. With this application, NADP would like to volunteer for a committee assignment with the Global Mercury Partnership. I will represent NADP if this application is accepted.

The NADP and the MDN represent a large body of scientists and policy makers, many of which have a particular interest in mercury's impact upon the environment. I am also a mercury research scientist, here at the University of Illinois. The NADP represents a wealth of scientific data and expertise in the area of mercury input and cycling within the environment. Specifically, we accomplish the monitoring needed with the GMP area of "mercury air transport and fate research". We feel we are particularly well suited to provide scientific expertise and data for this area of the committee's work. The NADP would offer this expertise to the committee, access to all of its data and resources, and a body of knowledgeable contacts that the committee could access, if needed.

The NADP is dedicated to the goal of providing scientists and policy makers with accurate scientific measurements of mercury deposition and free access of this data to all. We are not an advocacy group but are scientists, and can provide scientific expertise to the United Nations in pursuit of the Partnership's goal and the further the goal of NADP at the same time.

Sincerely,

David A. Gay
Coordinator

UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM*

PARTNERSHIP AREA

Please check partnership areas that your organization intends to contribute to:

- artisanal and small scale gold mining
- mercury cell chlor alkali production
- mercury air transport and fate research
- mercury in products
- mercury releases from coal combustion
- mercury waste management
- mercury supply and storage

Please indicate in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the indicated partnership areas.

ORGANIZATION NAME

National Atmospheric Deposition Program

NAME, FUNCTIONAL TITLE OF REPRESENTATIVE

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

- Government
- Regional economic integration organization
- Non-government Organization
- Industry
- Scientific community
- Other, please specify: _____

*UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Registration Forms are to be accompanied by a letter to UNEP signifying support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and commitment to achieving the partnership goal.

The support letter should specify how the organization intends to contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Please submit the support letter and registration form to:

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