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2020-2023 Activities



For the upcoming 2020-2023 period BCRC Russia considers the following projects as the main ones:

1. Updated and Broadened Inventory of Primary Emission Sources of Selected POPs and Mercury in Murmansk oblast;

2. The Russian-Finnish "AB-Waste-2" project on waste management.

Updated and Broadened Inventory of Primary Emission Sources of Selected POPs and Mercury

Beneficiaries:

All Russian Research Institute for Nature Protection ("VNII Ecologia"),

Moscow Institute of Organic Chemistry;

other stakeholders, identified below, may also benefit.

Observers: NEFCO;

Other stakeholders: Working group on environment (WGE) Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC);

Duration: March, 2020 – April, 2023.

The main goal of the project is to reduce or eliminate formation and emission of selected POPs and mercury affecting the Arctic Environment from sources in Russia and initiate facilitation of nationwide POPs and mercury inventory by Russian authorities.

Updated and Broadened Inventory of Primary Emission Sources of Selected POPs and Mercury in Murmansk oblast

Expected results:

Overview of the situation with POPs and mercury emissions of the most significant sources in Murmansk oblast;

Strengthened institutional capacity for continued monitoring and emission control and promotion of relevant action planning among the involved stakeholders;

Possible pilot action projects for emission reduction of POPs and mercury in selected regions;

The roadmap for a more systematic Russian inventory and action planning in entire Russian Federation, as part of the implementation of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention on POPs;

Increased capacity for Russian authorities and industry to comply in practice with the requirements of international conventions such as Stockholm, Basel and Minamata.

"AB-Waste-2" project



Name of the project: AB-Waste- Phase 2 (abbreviation for "Cooperation on waste management between BEAC WGE and ACAP")

Period: 10/2019 – 12/2022

Financier: Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Background:

"AB-Waste project-Phase 1" was successfully implemented by SYKE and All-Russian Institute of Ecology in 2017-2018 and resulted in 5 seminars and study tour to Finland. The AB-Waste activities contributed to the solving of environmental problems in Arctic, especially in Russia, and has strengthened the cooperation between AC and BEAC on waste issues.

"AB-Waste-2" project



Main objectives:

to support cooperation regarding management hazardous waste and to strengthen waste management planning and implementation of these plans in the Arctic, especially in Russia;

to promote introduction of best practices in waste treatment/recovery;

to support Finnish chairmanship of the Arctic Council in the environmental sector;

to densify the cooperation between AC and BEAC in solving environmental problems in the Northern Europe;

to support implementation of international chemical and waste conventions in the Arctic especially the Basel convention;

to promote development of bioeconomy/green economy in recovery of waste and recycled materials and biomasses.