
(4) Request for information on technical guidelines on mercury wastes

Decision: BC-11/5: Technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of elemental mercury and wastes containing or contaminated with mercury

Background:

At its tenth meeting, in decision BC-10/7, the Conference of the Parties adopted the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of elemental mercury and wastes containing or contaminated with mercury.

At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision BC-11/5 in which it decided on the updating of these technical guidelines, and on the establishment of a small intersessional working group (SIWG), to prepare draft revised technical guidelines for consideration by OEWG-9. The Conference of the Parties welcomed the offer by Japan to serve as lead country for the updating of the technical guidelines.

Request:

- Parties and others to nominate experts to participate in the SIWG established by decision IX/15 and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations by 30 June 2013;
- Parties and others to submit comments on the draft updated technical guidelines, once available, to the lead country, if one is selected, and to the Secretariat, by 31 March 2014.

Respondents:

- Parties
- Observers
- Other stakeholder

Method of submission:

- All submissions are to be made to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.

Deadline for submissions:

- **30 June 2013** for nominations of experts to participate in the small intersessional working group
- **31 December 2013** for the lead country or the Secretariat with SIWG to prepare draft updated technical guidelines for publication on the Convention website
- **31 March 2014** for parties and others to submit comments on the draft updated technical guidelines
- **OEWG.9** for the lead country or the Secretariat with SIWG to prepare draft updated technical guidelines

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