

Training on mercury management and remediation of contaminated sites

Location: Almaden Mines, Ciudad Real (Spain)

Date: 18-19 November, 2015

Draft Agenda

The draft proposed agenda is the following:

Note: All presentations include 10-15 minutes for discussion & questions.

Day 1

Morning

9.00 - 9.15. Opening Speech. Roger García (Deputy Director of UNEP MAP SCPRAC representing UNEP MAP MEDPOL and SCPRAC), Ana García (Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain) and Javier Carrasco (Manager of MAYASA-CTNDM).

9.15 – 10.00. Minamata Convention on mercury and the Global Mercury Partnership. Ana García (Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain).

10.00 – 10.30. UNEP MAP Regional Plan on the reduction of inputs of Mercury. Frederic Gallo (Senior Expert of UNEP MAP SCPRAC).

10.30 – 11.15. Mercury sources, mercury inventory and management of wastes (Basel Technical Guidelines). Francisco J. Perez-Illzarbe (Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain).

11.15 – 11.45. Coffee break

11.45 – 12.30. EU legislation relevant to the Sound Management of mercury and mercury wastes. Ana García (Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain).

12.30 – 13.15. “Key points in a contaminated site investigation from a government perspective”. Joan Bartoll Navas (Technician at the Management Department of Contaminated Soils at the Waste Agency of Catalonia, Spain).

13.15 – 14.30. Lunch break

Afternoon

14.30 – 15.30. Decommission plan and management in the chlor-alkali industry and mercury waste. Salvador Asensio (Manager of the Production Unit Electrochemistry and Chlorinated in Torrelavega site of SOLVAY, Spain).

15.30 – 16.00. Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30. Preparation and update of national mercury factsheets of Mediterranean countries, including inventory and measures.

Day 2

Morning

9.00 – 9.45. Application of Guidelines on Best Environmental Practices (BEPs) for the Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of Mercury contaminated sites. Ana Isabel Conde Mansilla (MAYASA-CTNDM).

9.45 – 10.15. Reconditioning of the “Cerco de San Teodoro” slag heap. Almaden mines (Ciudad Real, Spain). Javier Carrasco Milara (Manager of MAYASA-CTNDM).

10.15 – 11.00. Environmental remediation of the mercury mines of Soterraña (Asturias, Spain) and risk analysis for human health. Raul Lopez and Silvia de la Rosa (EMGRISA).

11.00 – 11.30. Coffee break

11.30 - 12.00. Summary on the main points of discussion and ideas on Mediterranean priorities with regard to mercury management and challenges and measures taken or envisaged for the ESM of identified contaminated sites, common priorities and needs assessment for their implementation.

12.00 – 12.45. QUIZ on the training.

12.45 – 13.00. Evaluation questionnaire of the training.

13.00 – 14.00. Lunch break

Afternoon

14.00 – 17.00. Site visit to Almaden restored area.

17.00 – 17.15. Coffee break

17.15. – 18:30. Visit to the Mining Park of Almaden.