MANAGEMENFE OF MERCURY-AND-MERCURY-CONTAINING WASTES IN PAKISTAN

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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

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- SOURCES OF MERCURY WASTES
- ⇒ PAKISTAN'S SCENARIO
- ⇒ ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF MERCURY WASTES
- RECOMMENDATIONS

BEHAVIOUR OF MERCURY IN ENVIRONMENT

- ⇒ IT IS A PERSISTENT, MOBILE AND BIO-ACCUMULATIVE ELEMENT.
- ⇒ IT IS RETAINED IN KINDEY, LIVER AND OTHER ORGANS OF LIVING ORGANISMS.
- ⇒ IN ATMOSPHERE IT EXISTS IN FORMS OF GAS AND PARTICULATES.
- ⇒ IN AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT IT TAKES SHAPE OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS LIKE METHYL MERCURY.
- TREMAINS IN ENVIRONMENT BUT CHANGES ITS CHEMICAL FORMS

EXTRACTION AND USE OF FUELS/ENERGY SOURCES

- Coal combustion in large power plants
- Other coal combustion
- Extraction, refining and use of mineral oil
- Extraction, refining and use of natural gas
- Extraction and use of other fossil fuels
- Biomass fired power and heat production

PRIMARY (VIRGIN) METAL PRODUCTION

- Primary extraction and processing of mercury
- Metal (aluminum, copper, gold, lead, primary ferrous, other non-ferrous metals) extraction and initial processing

PRODUCTION OF OTHER MINERALS AND MATERIALS WITH MERCURY IMPURITIES

- Cement production
- Pulp and paper production
- Lime production and light weight aggregate kilns

USE OF MERCURY IN INDUSTRIAL PROCESS

- Chlor-alkali production with mercury-technology
- ⇒ Viny-chloride-monomer (VCM) production with mercury-dichloride (HgCl2) as catalyst
- ⇒ Acetaldehyde production with mercury-sulphate (HgSO4) as catalyst
- Other production of chemicals and polymers with mercury compounds as catalysts

CONSUMER PRODUCTS WITH USE OF MERCURY

- Thermometers with mercury
- ➡ Electrical and electronic switches, contacts and relays with mercury
- Light sources with mercury
- ➡ Batteries containing mercury
- Biocides and pesticides
- Paints
- Pharmaceuticals for human and veterinary Uses

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UCT/PROCESS USES

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