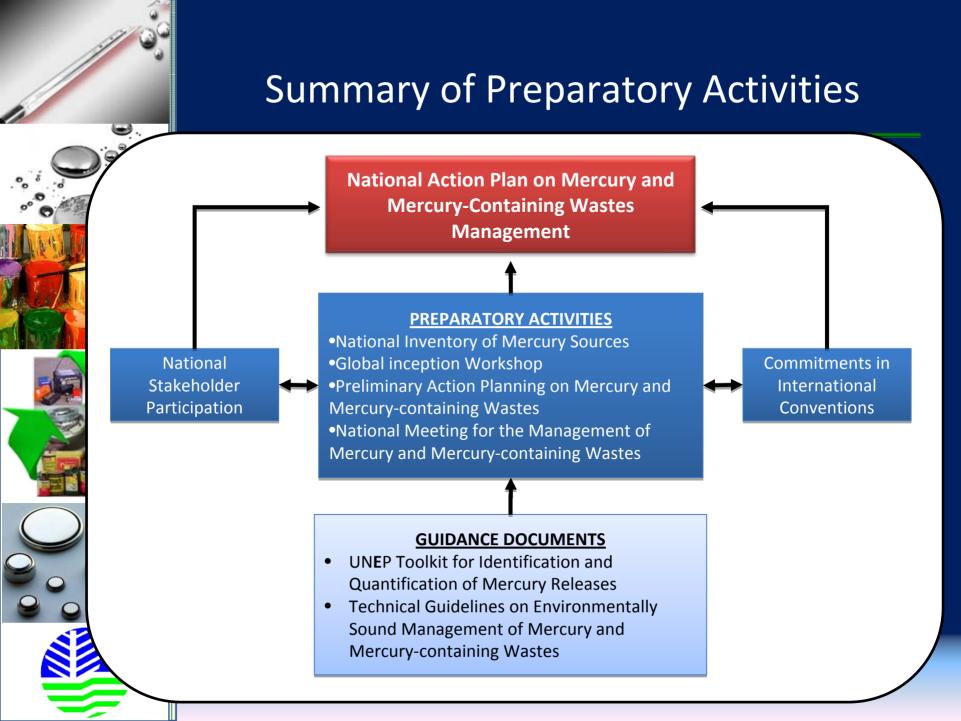
National Action Plan on Mercury and Mercury-containing Wastes Management



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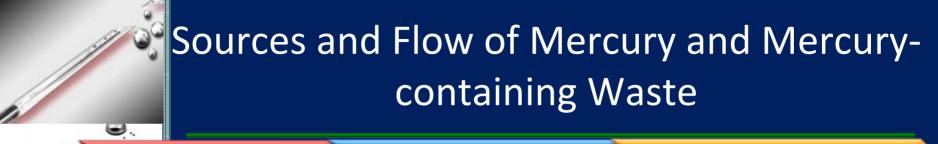






ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING INVENTORY AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR MERCURY AND MERCURY-CONTAINING WASTES





SOURCES

APPLICATIONS

WASTES

- Impurities from the raw material used in power generation, cement and lime production, etc.
- Recovered or recycled mercury
- Chlor-alkali decommissioning, or other large sources
- By-product mercury from the refining or processing of some ferrous and most non-ferrous metals
- Stocks of accumulated mercury
- Import from other places of the world

Process

- Artisanal gold mining
- Partly recycled
- Large part discharge to water, soil, and air

Products

- Batteries
- Lamps
- Dental applications
- Measuring and control devices
- Chemicals (industrial, laboratory)

Used by

- various users
- Thermal treatment

Toxic Wastes

Landfill

Storage

- Dumpsites
- Everywhere

Other parts of the world



- No centralized database or information network on the types and quantities of mercury and mercury-containing wastes
- ■Initial inventory gives estimate on the levels of mercury releases BUT not on the amount and type of wastes generated from process, product, or use of such product



- Data on other uses of crude oil such as in the polymerization process or in the manufacture of plastic products are not considered
- Data on mercury emissions due to mining of metals are limited only to gold, silver, copper, and lead
- Calculation for the thermometers needs refinement because the initial calculation was based only on the number of hospitals and schools



- Data on the importation and production of thermometers in the country is not available
- No data available for the production and importation of mercury to verify the validity of the total consumption of mercury in the country
- Levels for chlor-alkali production are under the assumption that the existing process uses mercury cell technology, which in fact is not the case

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timated levels contributed by lamp stes are limited only to TFLs. (Policy dy on Lamp Waste Management)

