Storage Options for Mercury Wastes

Norway ODA Mercury Storage and Disposal Project in the Caribbean Jamaica, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

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Basel Guidelines for Storage

- R14 Accumulation of material intended for operations R4, R5, R8 or R12: Mercury wastes may be accumulated with intent to conduct recycling/reclamation or recovery. Such storage is often regulated at the national level, where specific time periods may be set after the expiry of which the mercury wastes must be transported to the appropriate recycling/reclamation or recovery facility.
- Often referred to as Interim or Short-term storage

Useful Criteria for siting and design of storage facilities

- -not built in sensitive locations (floodplains, earthquake zones etc.), unless technical and legal conditions are sufficient to ensure the ESM of facilities in the area in question
- -floors covered with mercury-resistant material
- -constant, low temperature
- -storage area clearly marked with warning signs

Types of Storage Facilities

- on-site at industrial facilities pending collection, recovery operations or disposal operations
- on-site in public institutions pending collection, recovery operations or disposal operations
- off-site in suitable centralized hazardous waste management facilities pending disposal
- off-site in dedicated facilities specially equipped for storage of

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