

5. Guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices

Decision: SC-11/5: Guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices

Background:

The Conference of the Parties, among other things, took note of the updated joint Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants and best available techniques and best environmental practices expert roster,⁵ the reports of the expert meetings on best available techniques and best environmental practices,⁶ and the report on the polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans releases reported according to Article 5 and Annex C to the Convention⁷. The Conference of the Parties also welcomed the four updated sections of the guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices relevant to Article 5 of and Annex C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants⁸. The Conference of the Parties furthermore requested the experts on the Toolkit and on best available techniques and best environmental practices to continue the work on the ongoing review and update of the guidelines and guidance in accordance with the workplan for the review and updating of the guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices.⁹

Follow-up:

| | Call for information | Respondents | Deadlines for submission |
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| (a) | Parties and others are encouraged to use the guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices when applying measures to minimize and ultimately eliminate releases of the chemicals listed in Annex A or B, and/or C to the Convention, and to provide feedback on their usefulness. | Parties Others | No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible. |
| (b) | Parties and others are invited to submit short case studies on remediation of sites contaminated with persistent organic pollutants to be considered in further developing the draft guidance on the identification and management of sites contaminated by persistent organic pollutants. | Parties Others | In accordance with the workplan referred to in paragraph 8 of decision SC-11/5 by 15 September 2023. |
| (c) | Parties and others are invited to submit information on the production process and use of short-chain chlorinated paraffins, including products containing short-chain chlorinated paraffins. | Parties Others | In accordance with the workplan referred to in paragraph 8 of decision SC-11/5 by 15 September 2023. |
| (d) | Parties and others are invited to nominate experts with relevant expertise to be added to the joint Toolkit and best available techniques and best environmental practices expert roster. | Parties Others | No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible. |
| (e) | Parties and others are invited to contribute to the further review and update of the guidelines and guidance by submitting information on the successful application of best available techniques and best environmental practices relevant to the chemicals listed in Annexes A, B and C to the Convention and other technical information. | Parties Others | In accordance with the workplan referred to in paragraph 8 of decision SC-11/5 by 15 September 2023. |

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⁵ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/17/Rev.1.

⁶ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/16.

⁷ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/19.

⁸ <http://chm.pops.int/?tabid=187>.

⁹ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/8, annex II.