

**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

اتفاقية استكهولم بشأن الملوثات العضوية الثابتة • 关于持久性有机污染物的斯德哥尔摩公约 • Convention de Stockholm sur les polluants organiques persistants
Convenio de Estocolmo sobre Contaminantes Orgánicos Persistentes • Стокгольмская конвенция о стойких органических загрязнителях



Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention
International Environment House 1
11-13, chemin des Anémones
CH-1219 Châtelaine – Geneva
Switzerland

Telephone: +41 22 917 87 29
Facsimile: +41 22 917 80 98
E-mail: ssc@pops.int
www.pops.int

Reference: SC/POPRC

Date: 5 June 2012

Subject: Invitation to review and provide comments on the draft guidance on the possible impact of climate change on the work of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

By its decision SC-5/11, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention forwarded the report of a study entitled “Climate change and POPs: Predicting the Impacts”, to the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, to consider the possible implications of the inter-linkages between climate change and persistent organic pollutants for the Committee’s work.

The above report was the outcome of a review of existing information and data on the inter-linkages between climate and persistent organic pollutants from a global perspective, undertaken by an expert group to support the work of the global monitoring plan implemented under the Convention related to the effects of long-range transport and climate on observed levels of persistent organic pollutants. The study is available on the Convention website (<http://chm.pops.int/tabid/1580/Default.aspx>).

At its seventh meeting held in October 2011, the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee concluded that a better understanding of the inter-linkages between persistent organic pollutants and climate change was relevant for its work. The Committee thus established an intersessional working group to develop guidance on how to consider the possible impact of climate change on its work and requested the working group to focus its work on the above-mentioned study and other relevant literature. The intersessional working group accordingly developed the attached draft guidance on the possible impact of climate change on the work of the Committee.

You are invited to **review and provide your technical comments on the attached draft guidance on the possible impact of climate change on the work of the Committee** to the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee by **30 June 2012**.

Submissions will be appreciated in electronic files by e-mail to: ssc@pops.int and awarmuth@pops.int.

**To: Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points
Stockholm Convention National Focal Points**

Cc: Representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva

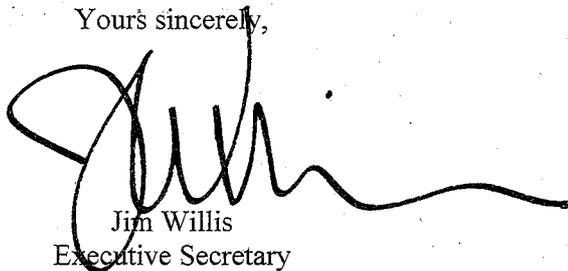
/./.

Should this not be possible, please forward hard copies to:

Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention
Att: POPs Review Committee
Ms. Andrea Warmuth
United Nations Environment Programme
11-13 chemin des Anémones
CH-1219, Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland
Fax: (+41 22) 917 8098

If you have any further questions regarding this invitation or if you would like to receive hard copies of the documents from the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Andrea Warmuth (e-mail: awarmuth@pops.int; telephone +41 22 917 8853).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Willis', is written over the typed name and title.

Jim Willis
Executive Secretary

Attachment