



Zero Mercury Working Group Comments to the UNEP Draft Guidance on BAT/BEP for controlling and where feasible, reducing mercury emissions to the atmosphere as set out in Article 8 of the Minamata Convention

Brussels, 1 August 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Zero Mercury Working Group¹ (ZMWG) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft Guidance on Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices (BAT/BEP) for Controlling and Where Feasible, Reducing Mercury Emissions to the Atmosphere, as set out in Article 8 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

The ZMWG hereby submits comments on the following sections (listed in the order as they appear):

1. Introduction Chapter
2. Coal-fired power plants and coal-fired industrial boilers
3. Waste incineration facilities
4. Cement clinker production facilities

The input provided by the ZMWG is set out as follows:

- *Italics* : comments to a specific issue but text not meant to be inserted in the text of the guidance
- "...": text proposed for addition in the guidance.

Text highlighted in **bold** represent proposed addition whilst text highlighted in strikethrough suggests proposed deletion.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need additional information.

Thank you very much in advance for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

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¹ The Zero Mercury Working Group (ZMWG) is an international coalition of over 95 public interest environmental and health non-governmental organizations from more than 50 countries from around the world formed in 2005 by the European Environmental Bureau and the Mercury Policy Project. ZMWG strives for zero supply, demand, and emissions of mercury from all anthropogenic sources, with the goal of reducing mercury in the global environment to a minimum. Our mission is to advocate and support the adoption and implementation of a legally binding instrument which contains mandatory obligations to eliminate where feasible, and otherwise minimize, the global supply and trade of mercury, the global demand for mercury, anthropogenic releases of mercury to the environment, and human and wildlife exposure to mercury. For more information, please see: www.zeromercury.org.