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第 7 屆亞太地區汞監測網年會

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## 摘要

為具體落實行政院環境保護署 103 年 4 月份與美國環保署共同成立「國際環境夥伴計畫」，本署、美國環保署與菲律賓環境暨天然資源部三方首次共同合作，於 107 年 9 月 3 日至 7 日在菲律賓馬尼拉辦理「第 7 屆亞太地區汞監測網年會」，本次參與之國家數及人數為歷屆最多，包括美國、菲律賓、日本、印尼、馬來西亞、尼泊爾、斯里蘭卡等共 18 個國家；另首次納入「日本環境省-大氣汞監測研習會」為會前訓練，具擴大監測網規模、促進夥伴國家之經驗交流及強化監測能量等效益，提升我國在國際上之能見度。

本次會議以擴展亞太地區汞監測網為主軸，與夥伴國就區域性汞監測進行成果及技術交流，研商網絡建構、擴展方式及期程。另持續協助亞太地區夥伴國家建立汞濕沈降採樣技術，強化我國與區域內國家之合作關係，並就未來具體之合作方式交換意見。本次菲方特意安排參訪位於呂宋島-克拉克空軍基地由我國協助新設置之汞濕沈降監測站，展示運作成果。

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## 一、 會議背景及目的

1993 年 6 月 21 日由北美事務協調委員會及美國在台協會簽訂「駐美國台北經濟文化代表處及美國在台協會環境保護技術合作協定台美環境保護技術協定」(簡稱「台美環境保護技術合作協定」)，執行單位分別為我國行政院環境保護署及美國環保署。在該協定之架構下，臺美開始密切合作與交流，成功引進美國先進污染防治技術及環境管理經驗，包括溫室氣體減量、流域管理、廢棄物管理、毒性化學物質管理、風險評估、區域空氣品質監測預報模式、監測設備等，對於我國環境保護管理政策與能力之建構，以及改善環境品質科技之引進，助益良多。鑒於跨境環境污染物科學證據日益明顯及區域貿易活動日趨頻繁，2009 年本署與美國環保署著手研擬合作策略之調整，2010 年宣布我國區域夥伴計畫重點議題，即包含「汞監測」議題。

臺灣與美國雙邊環保合作已逾 20 年，2014 年在美國環保署長麥卡馨 (Gina McCarthy) 女士見證下，成立國際環境夥伴計畫(International Environmental Partnership, IEP)。藉由與創始夥伴美國環保署合作，協助我國與其他國家發展雙邊及區域性國際合作，共同推動各項國際環保合作，並與世界各國環保官員及專家進行交流。該夥伴計畫不僅為臺灣、美國雙邊環保合作的延續，其願景更超越雙邊合作，期許藉由臺灣的經驗，領導亞洲，乃至全球的環境保護發展。亞太汞監測夥伴 (Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network, APMMN) 專案即為執行內容之一。

汞污染為全球關注議題，近年來由於亞太地區經濟快速發展，且大量以燃煤為能源。人為產生的汞污染物，如燃煤發電、垃圾焚化、金屬製造等過程所產生的汞，在大氣中存留期長，又可藉由大氣氣流傳輸進入地表環境，或經由降雨進入水體、魚體，再透過食物網的累積，對魚類、野生動物甚至人體造成毒害，並對環境影響深遠，若轉化為甲基汞更有致癌隱憂，各國遂開始重視大氣汞污染跨境傳輸之監測課題，故聯合國於 2013 年 10 月 9 日在日本熊本市公開簽署關於汞污染防治的全球性公約：「水俣汞公約(Minamata Convention on Mercury)」，正式開始約束汞之排放。

聯合國環境署 (UNEP) 最新報告(Global Mercury Assessment 2013)顯示東亞及東南亞之汞排放量佔全球總排放量之 48%，可卻缺乏汞監測機制。鑑於汞對環境之嚴重影響，我國自 2007 年建立鹿林山高山背景測站同時，已開始架構大氣汞自動連續監測儀器，由於臺灣位於亞洲氣流系統之下風處，高山背景測站之監測數據極具代表性。透過臺美環保技術合作協助，鹿林山測站目前已分別加入全球大氣汞監測網 (AMNet) 及美國國家大氣沈降監測網 (NADP)，監測技術與世界先進國家同步並獲得認可。2013 年亞太地區大氣汞監測夥伴合作會議上，參與

國家為有必要共同合作監測大氣汞，藉以瞭解其環境濃度分布情形，進而訂定管制策略與控制人為排放量，亞太地區汞監測網(Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network, APMMN)因而成立。目前臺灣、泰國、越南、印尼、菲律賓及韓國皆定期執行雨水汞採樣，並寄送樣品至中央大學進行分析。

## 二、 會議過程及內容重點整理

本次會議在我國與美國環保署共同成立之「國際環境夥伴計畫」推動下，本署、美國環保署與菲律賓環境暨天然資源部三方首次共同合作，於 107 年 9 月 3 日至 7 日在菲律賓馬尼拉辦理「第 7 屆亞太地區汞監測網(Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network, APMMN)年會」，來自美國、菲律賓、日本、印尼、馬來西亞、尼泊爾、斯里蘭卡、泰國、越南、澳大利亞、加拿大、蒙古、韓國及新加坡、斐濟、薩摩亞及南非共計 18 個國家參與，逾 70 位環保部門及學術研究人員出席，另納入「日本環境省-大氣汞監測研習會」為會前訓練，豐富監測網技術內容、促進夥伴國家之經驗交流及強化監測能量。

本次會議主要以擴展亞太地區汞監測網為主軸，就水俣公約及汞污染跨境長程傳輸至東亞區域性之影響進行資訊交流，展示我國與美國環保署共同建構之環境監測技術聯合中心及亞太地區汞監測網全新網頁，並與夥伴國就區域性汞監測進行成果、技術交流及未來監測數據共享方式討論，研商亞太地區汞監測網建構、擴展方式及期程。另持續協助亞太地區夥伴國家建立汞濕沉降採樣分析技術，強化我國與區域內國家之合作關係，並就未來具體之合作方式交換意見。菲方更特意安排參訪位於呂宋島-克拉克空軍基地由我國協助新設置之汞濕沉降監測站，展示運作成果。

相關議程如附件 1，主要行程及內容說明如下：

### 第 1 天(9 月 3 日)

會前訓練-日本環境省「大氣汞採樣技術培訓課程」-1。內容包含：大氣汞採樣技術介紹，包含原理、操作方法及採樣方式；大氣汞採樣技術實地操作：包含設備組裝、現地採樣、量測及記錄方式及挑選收集物件；大氣汞採樣技術在日本之應用。

### 第 2 天(9 月 4 日)

會前訓練-日本環境省「大氣汞採樣技術培訓課程」-2。內容包含：大氣汞採樣技術實地操作：使用冷蒸氣原子吸收光譜法(CVAAS)分析大氣汞樣品；大氣汞採樣技術實地操作：包含數據分析及品質管理；大氣汞監測儀器及周邊配備介紹。

第 3 天(9 月 5 日) ~ 第 4 天(9 月 6 日)

進行「第 7 屆亞太地區汞監測網(Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network, APMMN)年會」開幕致詞，另包含 APMMN 組織介紹、汞污染問題之回顧、演示全新 APMMN 網站、環境監測技術聯合中心執行雨水汞分析報告、各國分享汞監測技術現況、APMMN 規劃擴展方向及監測數據及技術交流討論等議題。

第 5 天(9 月 7 日)

參訪菲律賓環境暨天然資源部位於呂宋島-克拉克空軍基地之空氣品質監測站，展示我國協助汞濕沈降採樣技術建置之運作成果。

### 三、 參加會議心得及建議

(一)我國、美國環保署與菲律賓環境暨天然資源部三方首次共同合作，於 107 年 9 月 3 日至 7 日在菲律賓馬尼拉辦理「第 7 屆亞太地區汞監測網年會」。

1. 歷來最大規模：本次會議參與之國家數及人數為歷屆最多，共 18 個國家參與，逾 70 位環保部門及學術研究人員出席，包括美國、菲律賓、日本、印尼、馬來西亞、尼泊爾、斯里蘭卡、泰國、越南、澳大利亞、加拿大、蒙古、韓國及新加坡等，並首度邀請斐濟、薩摩亞等太平洋島國與南非參加。
2. 納入夥伴國日本訓練：首次納入「日本環境省-大氣汞監測研習會」為本次年會之會前訓練，具擴大監測網規模、促進夥伴國家之經驗交流及強化監測能量等效益。
3. 展現我國技術協助成果：我國藉由提供汞濕沈降採樣器及相關教育訓練協助夥伴國家進行汞濕沈降技術建置作業，已於 105 年協助泰國、106 年協助越南、菲律賓及 107 年協助斯里蘭卡等國。本次菲方特意安排參訪位於呂宋島-克拉克空軍基地由我國協助新設置之汞濕沈降監測站，展示運作成果。
4. 擴大監測站網：尼泊爾對於加入 APMMN 表達高度興趣，會議後亦來函表達汞監測對該國之重要性，並檢附汞監測位置選點文件等相關資料，欲成為 APMMN 之夥伴國家之一，將持續辦理後續協助建置相關事宜；斯里蘭卡今年底前可執行汞濕沈降監測站之監測作業，並於會中報告時提出有意願於國內共建置 3 處監測點。
5. 環保合作促進交流：王嶽斌副處長、我國駐菲代表處朱曦公使及菲方環資部次長 Jonas L. Leones 於會議開幕當天 3 方另行會談，菲方次長

對我國廢棄物處理及再生能源作法表達高度興趣，並與我方代表處相約另訂時間詳談。

(二)建議事項:

1. 整理本次會議花絮及各國代表發表之簡報內容並徵得其同意後，上傳於「亞太地區汞監測網 (APMMN)」網站(<http://apmmn.org/>)，以廣為周知。
2. 我國與美方規劃擴展 APMMN 期程，並積極輔助東南亞國家建立汞濕沈降技術，為提供後續新加入之夥伴國家所需採樣、分析及訓練等作業，我國持續以專案計畫委託國內產學機構，並評估夥伴國家對汞濕沈降採樣器需求數量、設置汞監測站址及相關技術人員之培訓，協助推動 APMMN。
3. 本署於會議中介紹之被動式大氣汞採樣技術，多個夥伴國家表達欲了解樣器架設與分析方法之意願，本技術今(107)年由加拿大引進回國內，目前為測試階段，待技術成熟後可新增為 APMMN 之專業培訓項目之一。
4. 藉由 APMMN 年會深化交流，可適度展示宣傳本署「汞監測」以外環保技術及成果，促進交流機會，強化雙邊合作。
5. 參考日本環境省作法，邀請產官學偕同參加，建立夥伴國合作關係，促進環保產業設計及輸出。

## 附件1、 第7屆亞太地區汞監測網年會會議議程



## Atmospheric mercury monitoring workshop 2018 for establishing a multi-media mercury monitoring network in Asia- Pacific

### Workshop Agenda

#### Day 1 (Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September)

| Time            | Description   | Speaker /Session Moderator      |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 8:00-<br>9:00   | Registration  |                                 |
| 9:00-<br>10:00  | Opening / Self Introduction   | Moderator:<br>Mitsuko Yasoshima |
| 10:00-<br>10:30 | Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mercury Monitoring Method of Ambient Air by Gold Amalgamation Trap               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Method Outline</li> <li>➢ Survey and Sampling</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | Tatsuya Hattori                 |
| 10:30-<br>10:45 | Break   |                                 |
| 10:45-<br>12:30 | Experiment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sampling Activity of Ambient Air               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Setting of the Collection Material (Gold Trap)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | Yoshinobu Watanabe              |
| 12:30-<br>14:00 | Lunch   |                                 |
| 14:00-<br>15:00 | Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mercury Monitoring Method of Ambient Air by Gold Amalgamation Trap               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Measurement by AAS</li> <li>➢ Quality Management</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Atmospheric Mercury Monitoring in Japan by Gold Amalgamation Trap Method</li> </ul> | Tatsuya Hattori                 |
| 15:00-<br>15:30 | Break   |                                 |
| 15:30-<br>17:00 | Experiment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sampling Activity of Ambient Air               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Picking the collected material</li> <li>➢ Recording</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | Yoshinobu Watanabe              |

**Day 2 (Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September)**

| Time        | Description  | Speaker /Session Moderator      |
|-------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 9:00-10:30  | Experiment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Measurement of Ambient Air Sample               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Measurement by CVAAS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | Yoshinobu Watanabe              |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break  |                                 |
| 10:45-12:30 | Experiment (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Measurement of Ambient Air Sample               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Measurement by CVAAS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | Yoshinobu Watanabe              |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch  |                                 |
| 14:00-15:30 | Experiment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Data Calculation and Analysis               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Quality management</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Sampling Activity of Ambient Air               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Preparation (Apparatus, Instruments)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Yoshinobu Watanabe              |
| 15:30-15:45 | Break  |                                 |
| 15:45-16:30 | Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Instruments for atmospheric mercury monitoring</li> </ul>  | Alvin Chua                      |
| 16:30-17:00 | Discussions  | Moderator:<br>Mitsuko Yasoshima |

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network Partners Meeting  
September 5-7, 2018  
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**Wednesday - September 5, 2018**

| <b>Time</b>          | <b>Activity</b>   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>08:00 – 09:00</b> | <b>APMMN Registration</b>   |
| <b>09:00 – 09:45</b> | <p><b>Opening Ceremony</b></p> <p>Welcome Remarks<br/>Metodio U. Turbella, Director, Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines</p> <p>Opening Address<br/>Mr. Jonas L. Leones, Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines</p> <p>Special Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Yeuh-Bin Wang, Deputy Director, Taiwan Environmental Protection Administration, Taiwan</p> <p>Mr. James S. Chu, Deputy Representative (Minister), Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines, Taiwan</p> <p>Ms. Nicole P. Fox, Chief Environment, Science, Technology and Health Unit, U.S. Embassy Manila</p> <p>Mr. David Schmeltz, Senior Analyst, Office of Atmospheric Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, USA</p> |
| <b>09:45 – 10:00</b> | <b>Group Photo</b>  |
| <b>10:00 – 10:15</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |
| <b>10:15 – 10:35</b> | <b>Group Introductions &amp; Workshop Overview</b> , <i>facilitated by David Schmeltz, U.S. EPA</i>   |
| <b>10:35 – 12:00</b> | <b>Session I. Overview of the Mercury Problem</b> , <i>chaired by Jean C. Borromeo, Philippines DENR</i>  |
| 10:35 – 10:50        | Concerns over Mercury Pollution in Asia<br><i>Guey-Rong Sheu, National Central University, Taiwan</i>   |
| 10:50 – 11:05        | Mercury Exposure and Health Impacts in the Philippines<br><i>Ana Trinidad F. Rivera, Philippines Department of Health</i>   |

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| 11:05 – 11:20        | Overview of efforts to monitor mercury and other pollutants in the Philippines<br><i>Jundy Del Socorro, Philippines DENR</i>  |
| 11:20 – 11:35        | Minamata Convention: Perspectives on the Monitoring and Effectiveness Evaluation Plans<br><i>Sandy Steffen, Environment and Climate Change Canada</i><br><i>Mick Saito, Japan Ministry of Environment</i> |
| 11:35 – 11:50        | Why is monitoring for mercury important?<br><i>David Gay, National Atmospheric Deposition Program, University of Wisconsin</i>  |
| 11:50 – 12:00        | Q & A   |
| <b>12:00 – 13:30</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>13:30 – 15:30</b> | <b>Session II. The Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network, chaired by Mark Olson, NADP</b>   |
| 13:30 – 13:50        | Overview talk: What is APMMN? How'd we get here? Where are we going?<br><i>David Gay, NADP; David Schmeltz, U.S. EPA</i>  |
| 13:50 – 14:00        | Demonstration of the new APMMN website<br><i>Jack Guen-Murray, U.S. EPA</i>   |
| 14:00 – 14:30        | State of the network: mercury central analytical lab and site liaison reports<br><i>Guey-Rong Sheu and Da-Wei Lin, National Central University</i>  |
| 14:30 – 15:30        | Discussion  |
| <b>15:30 – 15:45</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>15:45 – 16:30</b> | <b>Session III. APMMN Partner and Stakeholder Updates, chaired by David Gay, NADP</b>   |
| 15:45 – 16:00        | Vietnam<br><i>Nguyen Van Thuy, Vietnam Environment Administration, Center for Environmental Monitoring</i>  |
| 16:00 – 16:15        | Thailand<br><i>Hathairatana Garivait, Environmental Research and Training Center</i><br><i>Nittaya Chaisaard, Pollution Control Department</i>  |

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| 16:15 – 16:30 | Indonesia<br><i>Florentinus Binsar Tumind, Ministry of Environment and Forestry</i><br><i>Herman Hermawan, Research and Development Center of Environmental Laboratory Quality (P3KLL)</i><br><i>Rina Aprishanty, P3KLL</i> |
| <b>16:30</b>  | <b>Day 1 - Wrap-up</b>  |
| <b>18:30</b>  | <b>Banquet – Hosted by EPA Taiwan</b>   |

| <b>Thursday - September 6, 2018</b> |   |
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| <b>09:00 – 13:00</b>                | <b>Session III APMMN Partner and Stakeholder Updates (continued), chaired by David Gay, NADP</b>                  |
| 09:00 – 09:15                       | Sri Lanka<br><i>Sujeewa Fernando, Ministry of Environment</i><br><i>Anurudda Karunaratna, Univ. of Peradeniya</i> |
| 09:15 – 09:30                       | Bangladesh<br><i>Md Abul Kalam Azad, Department of Environment (Invited)</i>                                      |
| 09:30 – 09:45                       | Australia<br><i>Tony Morrison, Macquarie University</i>   |
| 09:45 – 10:00                       | Canada<br><i>Sandy Steffen, Environment and Climate Change Canada</i>   |
| 10:00 – 10:15                       | Fiji<br><i>Vincent Vishant Lal, Univ. of the South Pacific</i>  |
| 10:15 – 10:30                       | Japan<br><i>Kohji Marumoto, National Institute of Minamata Disease</i>  |
| 10:30 – 10:45                       | Korea<br><i>Seunghee Han, Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology</i>   |
| <b>10:45 – 11:00</b>                | <b>Break</b>  |

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| 11:00 – 11:15        | Malaysia<br><i>Norazura Zakaria, Malaysia Meteorological Department</i>  |
| 11:15 – 11:30        | Mongolia<br><i>Enkhtuul Surenjav, Mongolian Academy of Sciences</i><br><i>Batbayar Jadamba, National Agency for Meteorology and Environmental Monitoring</i><br><i>Tumenbayar Bataar, Sans Frontiere</i>   |
| 11:30 – 11:45        | Nepal<br><i>Safala Shreshtha, Ministry of Forestry and Environment</i>   |
| 11:45 – 12:00        | Samoa<br><i>Pousui Fiame Leo, Scientific Research Organization of Samoa</i>  |
| 12:00 – 12:15        | Guam<br><i>Walter Leon Guerrero, Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Invited)</i>  |
| <b>12:15 – 12:25</b> | <b>Break (short)</b>   |
| 12:25 – 12:40        | South Africa<br><i>Lynwill Martin, South African Weather Service</i>   |
| 12:40 – 12:55        | Taiwan<br><i>Cheng-Young Lyu, Environmental Protection Administration Taiwan</i>   |
| 12:55 – 13:10        | United States<br><i>Winston Luke, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</i>  |
| <b>13:10 – 14:45</b> | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| <b>14:45 – 15:30</b> | <b>Session IV APMMN Mercury Wet Deposition Roundtable Discussion,</b><br><i>chaired by Da-Wei Lin, Site Liaison, NCU; Guey-Rong Sheu, NCU</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from partners – What’s working? What’s not working? What are your needs?</li> <li>• What do you need to join?</li> <li>• SOPs – Are changes needed?</li> <li>• Other topics: sample shipping, glassware cleaning</li> <li>• Presentation: Automated continuous methods to measure gaseous elemental mercury (GEM) and speciated mercury<br/><i>Mark Olson, NADP</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>15:30 – 17:00</b> | <b>Session V Future Network Directions Discussion,</b><br><i>chaired by David Schmeltz, USEPA; David Gay, NADP</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Network expansion – more cooperators, sampler distribution</li> <li>• Obtaining rain gage information</li> </ul>   |

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|              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atmospheric monitoring (e.g., manual methods, passive devices, Tekrans)</li> <li>• Presentation: Mercury passive air sampling <i>Eric Prestbo, Tekran Research and Development</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>17:00</b> | <b>Day 2 - Wrap-up</b>   |
| <b>18:30</b> | <b>Dinner</b>  |

| <b>Friday - September 7, 2018</b> |   |
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| <b>08:00 – 16:30</b>              | <p><b>“Philippines Day” – Field visit to the Clark Air Base, Angeles Pampanga Urban Monitoring Station</b></p> <p>Mercury wet deposition sampling demonstration and training: How is sampling done in APMMN?<br/><i>Da-Wei Lin, NCU</i></p> |
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附件 2、 發布新聞「臺美合作共同拓展亞太地區汞監  
測網」及外電報導



## 臺美合作共同拓展亞太地區汞監測網

提供單位：行政院環境保護署監資處

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為具體落實環保署與美國環保署共同成立「國際環境夥伴計畫」，我國、美方與菲律賓環境暨天然資源部三方首次共同合作，於107年9月3日至7日在菲律賓馬尼拉辦理「第7屆亞太地區汞監測網年會」，共來自17個夥伴國家逾70位專家學者參與，包括美國、菲律賓、日本、印尼、馬來西亞、尼泊爾、斯里蘭卡、泰國、越南、澳大利亞、加拿大、蒙古、韓國、薩摩亞、斐濟、新加坡及南非等。

環保署表示，本次為亞太地區汞監測網年會首次納入日方培訓課程，具擴大監測網規模、促進夥伴國家之經驗交流及強化監測能量等效益。此外，我國於去年透過提供汞濕沈降採樣器，協助菲方進行汞濕沈降監測站網建置作業，本次會議菲方安排參訪新設置汞監測站，展示運作初步成果。

環保署指出，會議透過分享我國建構環境監測技術聯合中心及汞監測分析技術之經驗，宣傳我國執行汞監測成果，並配合美國環保署規劃建立亞太地區汞濕沈降監測網，以加強我國與東亞國家汞濕沈降監測合作。藉由提升各與會國家汞監測採樣及分析相關技術，並蒐集區域夥伴對未來環保技術合作協定發展方向之意見與建議，期許我國可由環保技術輸入國轉型成為環保技術輸出國。

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## Regional mercury-monitoring meeting opens in Manila

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Manila, Sept. 5 (CNA) The seventh annual partnership meeting of the Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network (APMMN) opened in Quezon City in the Philippines Wednesday under the joint auspices of Taiwan, the Philippines and the United States.

The three-day event, scheduled to run through Friday, brings together more than 70 experts and scholars in the relevant areas from 18 APMMN partner nations, including the Philippines, Taiwan, the U.S., Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

The others are Australia, Canada, Mongolia, South Korea, Samoa, Fiji, Singapore and South Africa.

One of the officials addressing the opening ceremony, Wang Yue-bin (王嶽斌), who is in charge of environmental monitoring and information management at Taiwan's Environmental Protection Administration, told CNA that Taiwan will share its mercury analysis technologies and its experience in building environmental monitoring centers.



Taiwan has the ambition to transform itself from an importer of environmental protection techniques into an exporter of such techniques, Wang said, adding that the APMMN annual meeting will allow Taiwan to collect regional partners' opinions and advice for the future development of environmental protection technique cooperation.

The APMMN is a cooperative effort by various different groups, including environmental ministries and federal government agencies, academic institutions, and scientific research and monitoring organizations, to systematically monitor mercury in air and rainwater throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

(By Emerson Lim and Elizabeth Hsu)  
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## Mercury analysis

### German Quality Lab Agents

Manufacture specialized in Laboratory  
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### 附件 3、會議相關照片



圖 1 本署王嶽斌副處長、我國駐菲代表處朱曦公使、菲律賓環資部次長 Jonas L. Leones 與來自 18 個國家來賓合影



圖 2 本署王嶽斌副處長開幕致詞

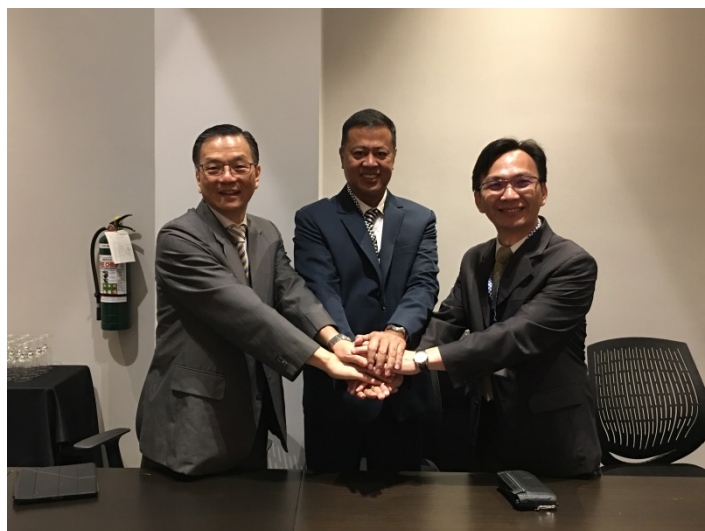


圖 3 本署王嶽斌副處長、我國駐菲代表處朱曦公使、菲律賓環資部次長 Jonas L. Leones 合影



圖 4 本署、我國駐菲代表處及菲律賓環資部合影



圖 5 美國大氣沉降計畫(NADP)實驗室負責人 David Gay 簡報 APMMN 發展規劃



圖 6 汞監測夥伴會議討論情形



圖 7 於克拉克基地-空氣品質監測站參訪我國協助建置之汞濕沉降採樣點



圖 8 本署與菲律賓、泰國、印尼及馬來西亞專家合影



圖 9 各國專家於克拉克基地合影



圖 10 會前訓練-「日本環境省之大氣汞監測研習會」合照



圖 11 會前訓練-「日本環境省之大氣汞監測研習會」實際組裝採樣器

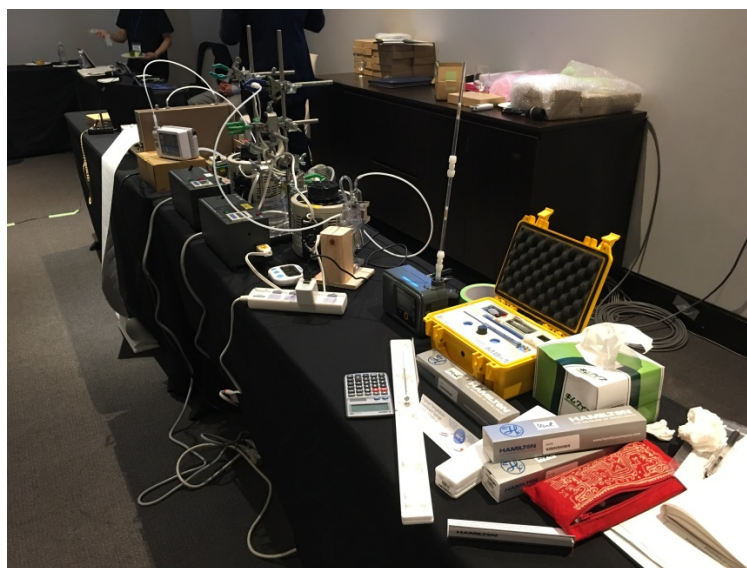


圖 11 會前訓練-「日本環境省之大氣汞監測研習會」展示分析方式及器材

## 附件 4、會議討論



**24 hours continuous sampling  
for mercury in ambient air  
by gold amalgamation method**

The explanation of

**Sampling Method for mercury in  
ambient air**

Referred Manual:

An Excerpt from "Manual of Measurement Method of Hazardous Air Pollutants" (March 2011,  
Air Environment Division, Environment Management Bureau of Water and Air Environment  
Fields, MOEJ)

Part 5<sup>th</sup>. Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup>.

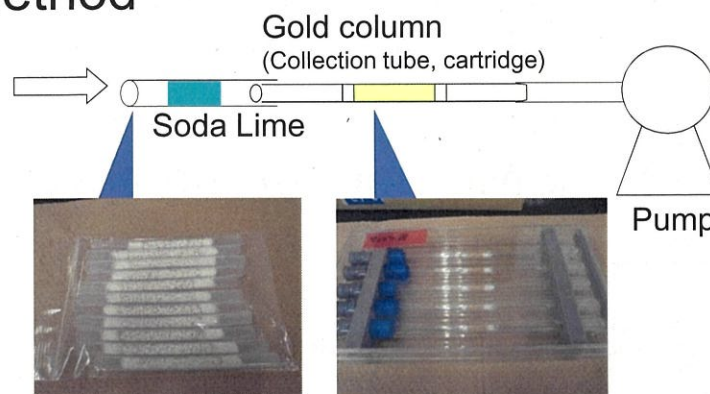
Measurement method for mercury in the ambient air

Gold amalgamation trap, thermal desorption and cold vapor-atomic absorption spectrometry

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sampling point and rate of times par year**

## Overview of gold amalgamation method



Flow rate : 0.5 L/min.

24 h sampling =  $0.5 \times 60 \times 24 = 720$  L (total sampling volume)

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## Preparation of Gold Column

### Baking gold column

With the mercury free gas at a flow rate of 0.2-0.5 L/min, heat the collection tube **at 600-700°C for 5 minutes**. After the heating, the collection tube is cooled under flowing gas and placed in a sealed container to prevent contamination. This procedure is preferably performed immediately before use.

When baking multiple numbers of collection tubes all at once, the blank value should be measured from the same baking lot at a rate of at least 10% or more of the samples with the designated method.

➡ All gold columns before sampling have to be carried out same operation of measuring twice time

(Material 2 page 14-15).

➡ They should be checked that they have no mercury or almost zero blank by described above operation.

➡ A gold column can be used **repeatedly** by this procedure.

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## Preparation of Soda Lime tube

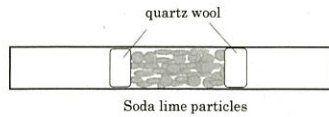


Figure: Example of a soda lime tube

Inner diameter :6 mm (because column outer diameter is 6 mm.)

Weight of filled soda lime : 0.5 – 1 g

As shown in Figure, a several centimeter length **tetrafluoroethylene tube** whose inner diameter fits the outer diameter of the collection tube should be prepared. Soda lime of few grams should be filled in the center of the tube, and both sides should be closed by quartz wool. (The quartz wool should be treated with silane.) The Soda lime tube should be refilled with new soda lime for every sampling.

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## Preparation of another tools



### Mini Pump

- Able to aspirate at 0.5L/min
- 0.5 L/min×60 min×24 h = 720L



### Silicon Tube

i.d. 4 mm o.d. 8 mm Length 2 -2.2 m



### Plastic pipe

i.d. 18 mm Length 30 -33 cm

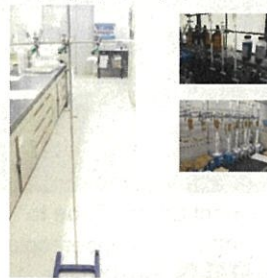


Portable Temp. and pressure recorder

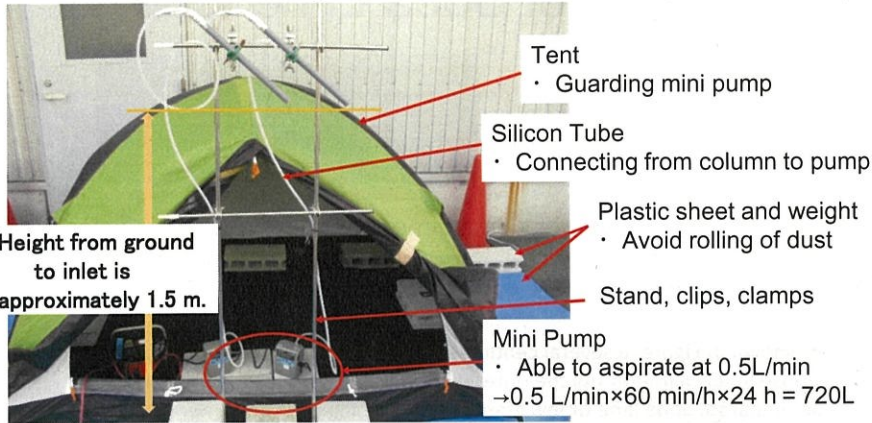
### Others

- >Tent, Plastic sheet, Aluminum foil
- Disposable gloves

### Stand, clips, clamps



# Setting for Sampling 1



Tent  
 • Guarding mini pump

Silicon Tube  
 • Connecting from column to pump

Plastic sheet and weight  
 • Avoid rolling of dust

Stand, clips, clamps

Mini Pump  
 • Able to aspirate at 0.5L/min  
 → 0.5 L/min × 60 min/h × 24 h = 720L

Height from ground to inlet is approximately 1.5 m.

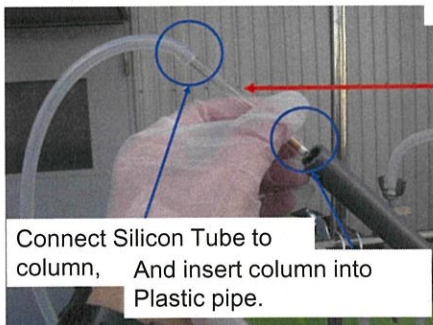
If it is difficult to open tent (For example, Wind may be strong.), another one can be used for guarding mini pump.

Exemplar: Hand Made Pump Box



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# Setting for Sampling 2



Connect Silicon Tube to column, And insert column into Plastic pipe.

Connect soda lime tube to gold column.



Column and plastic pipe should be encased by Aluminum foil.  
 >Guarding against



Plastic pipe  
 >Protecting column  
 >Setting to a downward direction



Setting finished, let's pump start.

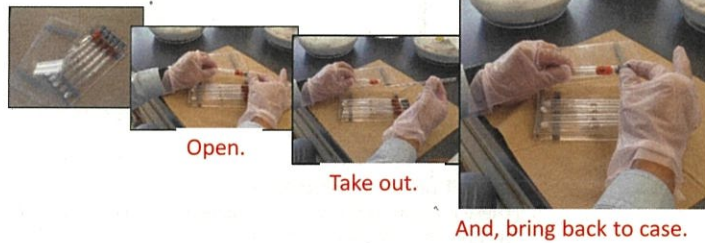
Caution:  
 Please stop the sampling when weather forecast predicts rain within 24 hours.

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## Travel Blank (TBL) Test (Quality control)

TBL: The check of **contamination**  
**of gold column.**

Except sampling, all procedure has to be carried out. (n=3)  
Frequency : approximately 10% of the total number of a set of samples  
from the same study area



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## Regarding aspiration Pump (Mini Pump)

**It has a performance that it can aspirate at 0.5 mL/min  
for more than 24 hours continuous**



**One of example : Sampling Pump MP-Σ300 II N**

- Constant Flow Rate setting range : 0.50-3.00 L/min.
- Point Flow Rate range : 0.20-4.50 L/min.
- Integrate flow volume displaying range : 0.0-99999 L

Able to display Point Flow Rate, Integrate flow volume  
with digital.

Battery : Lithium Ion battery ( Battery unit )  
or AC Adapter

This is produced by SIBATA SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGY LTD.  
(<https://www.sibata.co.jp/english/>)

Applied pump will be necessary to run within sampling.  
This pump will be able to run 24 hours.  
(Catalog spec: Able to run 50h over at 0.5 L/min)

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# Atmospheric mercury monitoring

- Site Classification
- Quality Management
- Monitoring Data in Japan

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## Site Classification

## Classification of Monitoring Site (According to Guideline of Japan)

| Classification by point              |  |               |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| National standard monitoring point   | Regional special monitoring point                                |               |
| Classification by attribute of point |  |               |
| General Environment                  | Surrounding Area of Stable Emission Source                       | Roadside Area |
|                                      | “Surrounding Area of Stable Emission Source” and “Roadside Area” |               |

## Atmospheric monitoring sites

- ▶ Atmospheric mercury monitoring site in Japan is mainly focused on collecting the national / regional general situation of human residents.
- ▶ If there are any suspicious situation that serious health risk is considered (ex. the work environment using mercury such as ASGM), these sites have to be surveyed.
- ▶ But on assessment the data, it must not confused the monitoring site focused on general situation with local point that high risk is considered.



## Monitoring Period

- ▶ To evaluate health risk of general population
  - It is focused on long-term Impact
- ▶ Monitoring Period: It should be enough to estimate the annual mean concentration correctly
  - Avoiding the bias of seasonal variation
- ▶ Japan: monthly monitoring (or more) is legislated

## Another condition (Height and Duration)

- ▶ Height of Sampling: 1.5 - 10 m (gaseous substance)
  - Height that people ordinary live
- ▶ Sampling duration: 24hours
  - To prevent the bias of diurnal variation



## Quality Management of Atmospheric Mercury Monitoring

### Points to note on atmospheric mercury monitoring by active sampling

- ▶ Active sampling by gold amalgamation cartridge
  - On measurement, use all collected mercury in cartridge
    - It cannot be conducted “remeasurement”.
  
- ▶ Mercury also exists in general environment
  - In not sealed condition, gold amalgamation cartridge absorbs mercury in surrounding air little by little

## Cleaning and Storage of Gold Amalgamation Cartridge

- ▶ Gold amalgamation cartridge should be measured at a certain rate and confirmed that they aren't contaminated (**Confirmation of blank amount**)
- ▶ It is recommended that “all” measured cartridge are **measured again** and confirmed that mercury is not residue in cartridge. If mercury is detected, measure that cartridge again.
- ▶ After confirmation of gold amalgamation cartridges, it should be stored in **sealed glass tube**.
- ▶ On same sampling procedure, cartridges they are same **confirmation procedure and storage** should be used.

## Measurement of Standard Gaseous Mercury (Confirmation of Sensitivity)

- ▶ **At least once on 10 samples**, standard gaseous mercury which concentration is around the middle range of calibration curve should be measured.
- ▶ Measured concentration of standard mercury should be within  **$\pm 20\%$  (10% is recommendable)**.
- ▶ If concentration is over  **$\pm 20\%$** , discards the data of previous measurement and investigate the cause.

## Operation Blank

- ▶ Stored gold amalgamation cartridge (prepared same procedure with the cartridge used for sampling) is measured. The operation blank should keep the concentration which is not affect the measurement data of samples.

## Travel Blank

- ▶ 3 or more extra cartridges are carried to sampling(travel blank). These cartridges should open the seal of container among the same duration of sampling. After sampling procedure, the seal is closed and they carried back and measured.
- ▶ If the amount of travel blank value is considerable to affect the concentration of samples, and its(3 travel blanks) standard deviation is small, subtract the mean value of travel blank from measured value of samples. If standard deviation is large, survey should redo.

## Duplicate (Dual Sampling)

- ▶ 10% of samples or more, duplicate sampling should be conducted.
- ▶ 2 sampling procedure are conducted simultaneously in same site, and measure both collected samples. If these measured values differs over 30%, data should be discarded and Survey should redo.

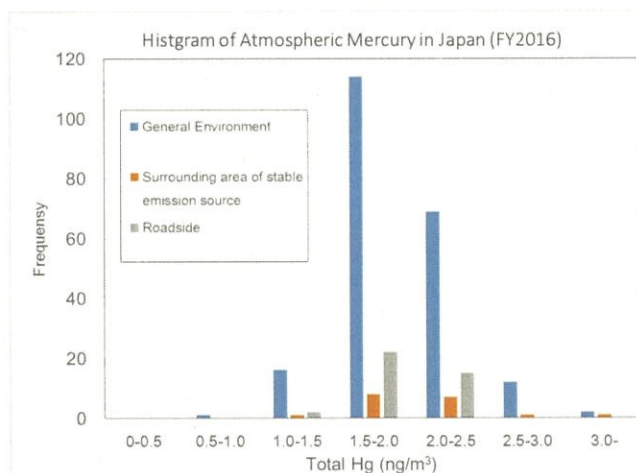
Monitoring data in Japan

## Atmospheric Mercury Monitoring Data in Japan (FY1998-FY2016)

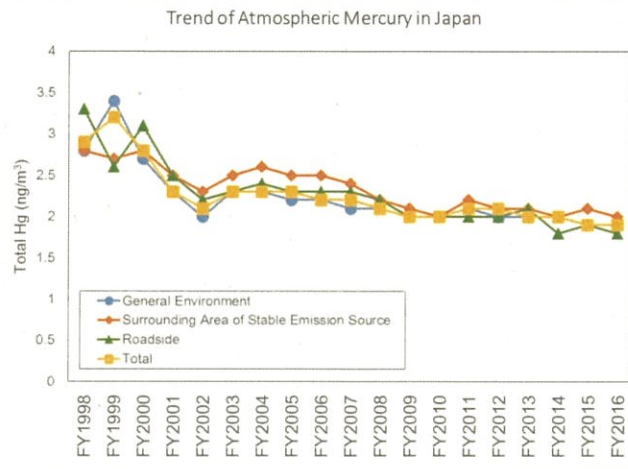
| Fiscal Year | General Environment |         |      |      |      | Surrounding Area of Stable Emission Source |         |      |      |      | Roadside Area |         |      |      |      | Total |         |      |      |      |
|-------------|---------------------|---------|------|------|------|--|---------|------|------|------|---------------|---------|------|------|------|-------|---------|------|------|------|
|             | Site                | Sampl e | Mean | Min. | Max. | Site                                       | Sampl e | Mean | Min. | Max. | Site          | Sampl e | Mean | Min. | Max. | Site  | Sampl e | Mean | Min. | Max. |
| FY1998      | 68                  | 816     | 2.8  | 0.86 | 8.6  | 16   | 192     | 2.8  | 1.2  | 5.0  | 10            | 120     | 3.3  | 1.7  | 6.7  | 94    | 1,128   | 2.9  | 0.9  | 8.6  |
| FY1999      | 127                 | 1,524   | 3.4  | 1.1  | 50   | 41   | 492     | 2.7  | 1.0  | 6.4  | 22            | 264     | 2.6  | 1.6  | 4.4  | 190   | 2,280   | 3.2  | 1.0  | 50   |
| FY2000      | 155                 | 1,860   | 2.7  | 0.14 | 15   | 40   | 480     | 2.8  | 1.2  | 6.3  | 24            | 288     | 3.1  | 1.0  | 15   | 219   | 2,628   | 2.8  | 0.1  | 15   |
| FY2001      | 157                 | 1,885   | 2.3  | 0.22 | 4.3  | 40   | 480     | 2.5  | 1.3  | 4.1  | 24            | 288     | 2.5  | 1.7  | 5.4  | 221   | 2,653   | 2.3  | 0.2  | 5.4  |
| FY2002      | 170                 | 2,040   | 2.0  | 0.32 | 3.8  | 44   | 528     | 2.3  | 1.2  | 3.5  | 30            | 360     | 2.2  | 1.2  | 5.4  | 244   | 2,928   | 2.1  | 0.3  | 5.4  |
| FY2003      | 177                 | 2,124   | 2.3  | 0.17 | 4.5  | 46   | 552     | 2.5  | 1.4  | 5.8  | 30            | 360     | 2.3  | 1.3  | 4.1  | 253   | 3,036   | 2.3  | 0.2  | 5.8  |
| FY2004      | 185                 | 2,220   | 2.3  | 0.94 | 3.8  | 45   | 540     | 2.6  | 1.3  | 4.6  | 37            | 444     | 2.4  | 1.5  | 4.0  | 267   | 3,204   | 2.3  | 0.9  | 4.6  |
| FY2005      | 212                 | 2,544   | 2.2  | 0.69 | 5.0  | 59   | 708     | 2.5  | 1.3  | 4.1  | 49            | 588     | 2.3  | 1.3  | 3.5  | 320   | 3,840   | 2.3  | 0.7  | 5.0  |
| FY2006      | 200                 | 2,400   | 2.2  | 0.73 | 4.8  | 57   | 684     | 2.5  | 1.1  | 4.2  | 45            | 540     | 2.3  | 1.1  | 3.5  | 302   | 3,624   | 2.2  | 0.7  | 4.8  |
| FY2007      | 204                 | 2,448   | 2.1  | 0.56 | 4.2  | 61   | 732     | 2.4  | 0.8  | 5.2  | 43            | 516     | 2.3  | 1.0  | 3.5  | 308   | 3,696   | 2.2  | 0.6  | 5.2  |
| FY2008      | 193                 | 2,316   | 2.1  | 0.73 | 3.8  | 58   | 696     | 2.2  | 1.5  | 4.4  | 42            | 504     | 2.2  | 0.1  | 8.7  | 293   | 3,516   | 2.1  | 0.1  | 8.7  |
| FY2009      | 193                 | 2,316   | 2.0  | 0.98 | 4.6  | 62   | 744     | 2.1  | 0.9  | 3.5  | 39            | 468     | 2.0  | 1.3  | 3.5  | 294   | 3,528   | 2.0  | 0.9  | 4.6  |
| FY2010      | 186                 | 2,232   | 2.0  | 0.98 | 4.0  | 58   | 696     | 2.0  | 0.8  | 3.3  | 36            | 432     | 2.0  | 0.9  | 3.0  | 280   | 3,360   | 2.0  | 0.8  | 4.0  |
| FY2011      | 175                 | 2,100   | 2.1  | 0.74 | 4.6  | 51   | 612     | 2.2  | 1.0  | 5.3  | 35            | 420     | 2.0  | 0.9  | 3.2  | 261   | 3,132   | 2.1  | 0.7  | 5.3  |
| FY2012      | 183                 | 2,196   | 2.0  | 0.82 | 6.1  | 51   | 612     | 2.1  | 1.2  | 3.6  | 36            | 432     | 2.0  | 1.2  | 4.0  | 270   | 3,240   | 2.1  | 0.8  | 6.1  |
| FY2013      | 174                 | 2,088   | 2.0  | 0.84 | 5.4  | 52   | 624     | 2.1  | 1.2  | 3.7  | 35            | 420     | 2.1  | 1.2  | 6.1  | 261   | 3,132   | 2.0  | 0.8  | 6.1  |
| FY2014      | 204                 | 2,448   | 2.0  | 0.95 | 4.9  | 24   | 288     | 2.0  | 1.0  | 2.9  | 32            | 384     | 1.8  | 1.2  | 2.4  | 260   | 3,120   | 2.0  | 1.0  | 4.9  |
| FY2015      | 202                 | 2,424   | 1.9  | 0.91 | 3.7  | 21   | 252     | 2.1  | 1.2  | 3.6  | 39            | 468     | 1.9  | 1.3  | 3.3  | 262   | 3,144   | 1.9  | 0.9  | 3.7  |
| FY2016      | 214                 | 2,568   | 1.9  | 0.78 | 12   | 18   | 216     | 2.0  | 1.4  | 4.1  | 39            | 468     | 1.8  | 1.4  | 2.4  | 271   | 3,252   | 1.9  | 0.8  | 12   |

\*Fiscal Year in Japan: April to Next March (ex. FY2016: Apr 2016-Mar 2017)

## Distribution of Atmospheric Mercury (FY 2016)



## Trend of Atmospheric Mercury in Japan



Thank you for your attention

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Material 2

## 24 hours continuous sampling for mercury in ambient air by gold amalgamation method

The explanation of

# Thermal Desorption Device

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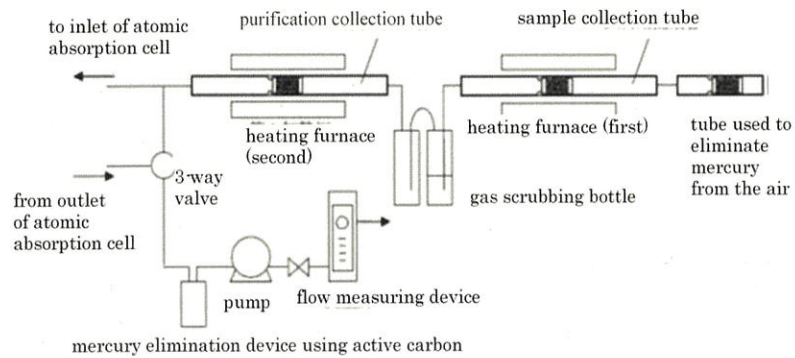
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## Overview of Thermal Desorption Device



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## The exemplars of products on the market Thermal Desorption Device



**WA-5**  
The set of Atomic absorption spectrometer and Thermal desorption device

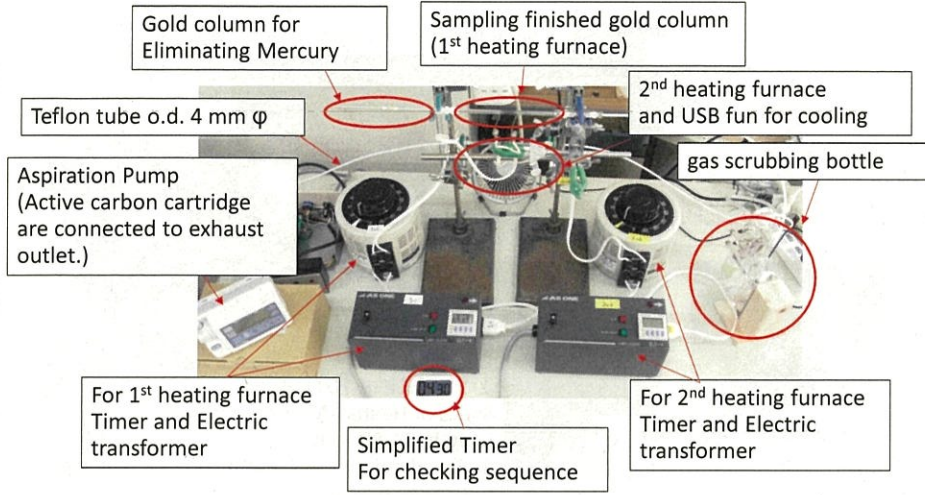


**MA3000** (left side) : Atomic absorption spectrometer  
**RH-MA3** (right side) : Thermal desorption device (option)

All products are produced by Nippon Instruments Corporation (NIC.)  
(<https://www.hg-nic.biz/>)

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## Hand made Thermal Desorption Device



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## Hand made Thermal Desorption Device Materials and Equipment



Electric transformer  
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Gas scrubber (double)  
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USB fan  
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Timer (Labo Clock)  
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Mini pump (able to aspirate at 300 - 500 mL/min)  
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Union  
6mmφ+6mmφ  
4mmφ+6mmφ

Nichrome Wire  
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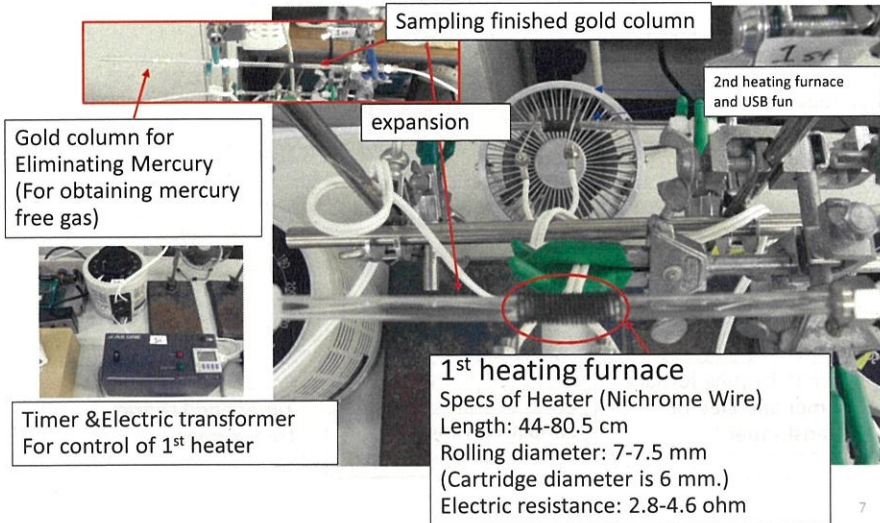
Simplified Timer  
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### And other desiderata

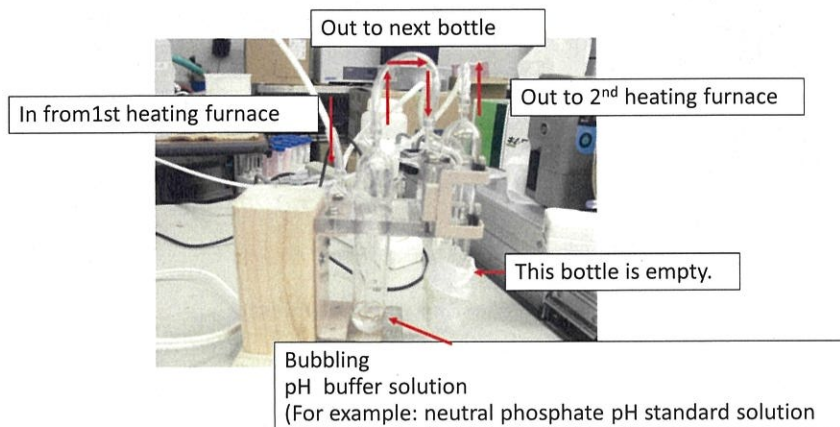
- >Teflon tube (o.d. 4 mm φ and 6 mm φ)
- >Pressure and Chemical resistance tube (For connection Teflon tube)
- >Stand and clips

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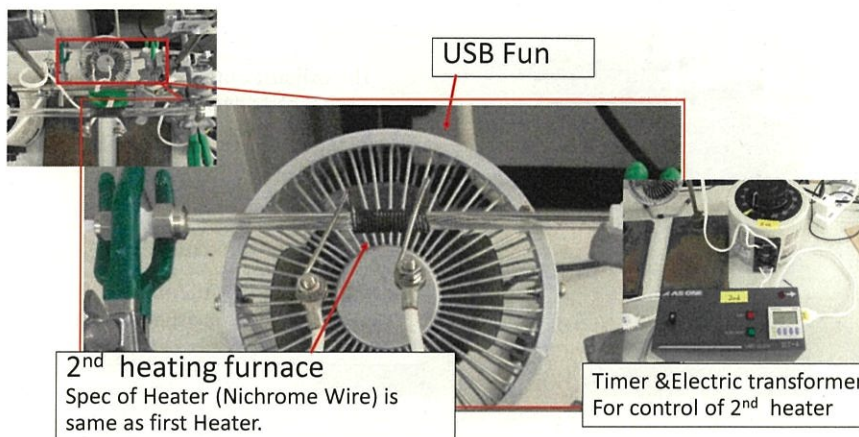
## Hand made Thermal Desorption Device Detail 1 : 1<sup>st</sup> heating furnace



## Hand made Thermal Desorption Device Detail 2 : Gas Scrubbing Bottle

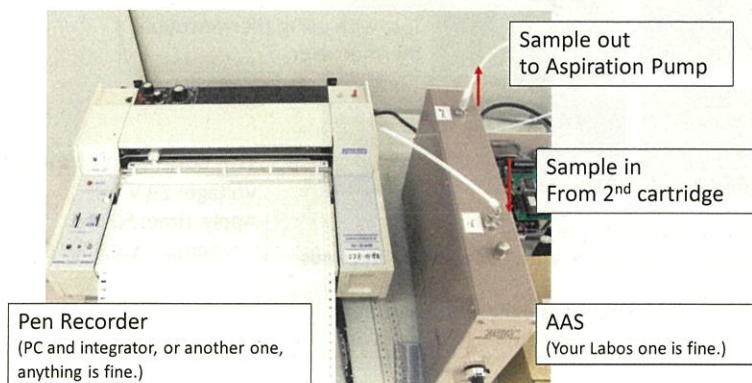


### Hand made Thermal Desorption Device Detail 3 : 2<sup>nd</sup> heating furnace



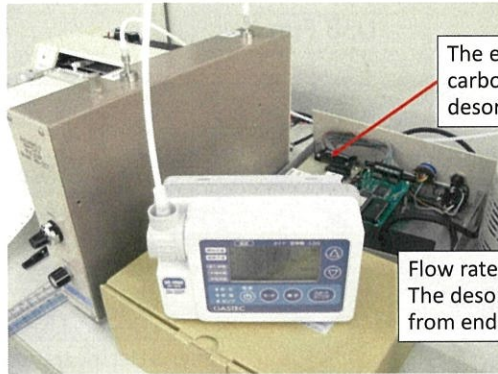
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### Hand made Thermal Desorption Device Detail 4 : Atomic absorption spectrometer and Recorder



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## Hand made Thermal Desorption Device Detail 5 : Aspiration Pump

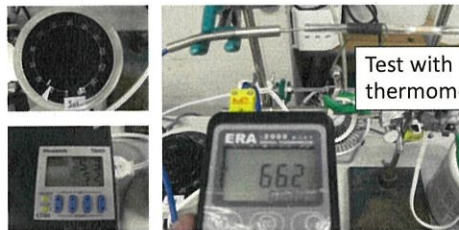


The exhaust outlet has active carbon cartridge for eliminating desorbed mercury.

Flow rate: 200 -500 mL/min  
The desorption gas is aspirated from end of line.

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## Hand made Thermal Desorption Device Determinate Condition of voltage and time to apply voltage



Test with using thermocouple thermometer.

Adjust the voltage and apply time.  
Max temperature: 600-700 °C **with taking 40-60 seconds**  
Voltage: 15-25 V  
These conditions are different as using Nichrome Wire.  
Try from small number for being broken Nichrome Wire.

### The condition at our Labo

Voltage: 23 V  
Apply Time: 50 sec.  
→ Temp. max 660 °C

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## Hand made Thermal Desorption Device Determination of Sequence

1. Set the both Electric transformer.
2. Set the both timer (for transformer).
3. Set the Simplified Timer at 4min 30 sec.
4. Set the pump at 300 mL/min & 5min.

Total sequence time would be **5 min.** It is suitable.

5. Confirm stopping USB fun.

6. Start pump and wait stabile. (It may take about 30 sec.)

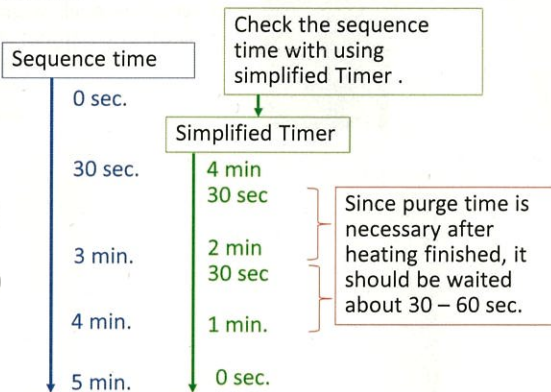
7. Start 1<sup>st</sup> heating, and start Simplified Timer (Push the start key of 1<sup>st</sup> timer.)

8. Start 2<sup>nd</sup> heating . (Push the start key of 2<sup>nd</sup> timer.)

9. Start the USB fun.

10. Stop the USB fun.

11. Change gold column and return to No.5.



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## Hand made Thermal Desorption Device Measurement Procedure 1

Left side: Gold column for Eliminating Mercury  
Right side: sample collected gold column

Caution: Allow Mark

Let into Nichrome Wire.

Gold part has to be under the Nichrome Wire

1<sup>st</sup> Cgold colume heating

2<sup>nd</sup> gold colume heating

To AAS

1. Connect sample collected gold column.
2. According to decided sequence (page 13), start measurement.

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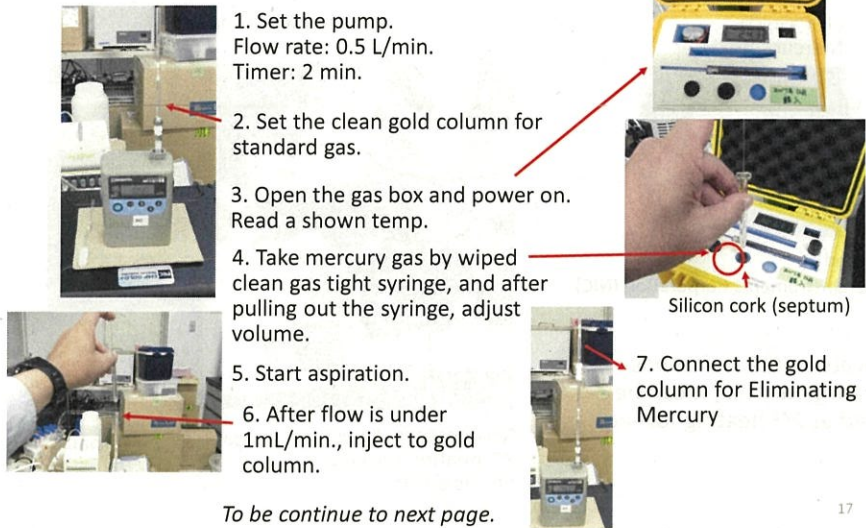
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## Hand made Thermal Desorption Device Regarding Mercury standard 2

How to take mercury gas from gas box

1. Set the pump.  
Flow rate: 0.5 L/min.  
Timer: 2 min.
2. Set the clean gold column for standard gas.
3. Open the gas box and power on.  
Read a shown temp.
4. Take mercury gas by wiped clean gas tight syringe, and after pulling out the syringe, adjust volume.
5. Start aspiration.
6. After flow is under 1mL/min., inject to gold column.
7. Connect the gold column for Eliminating Mercury



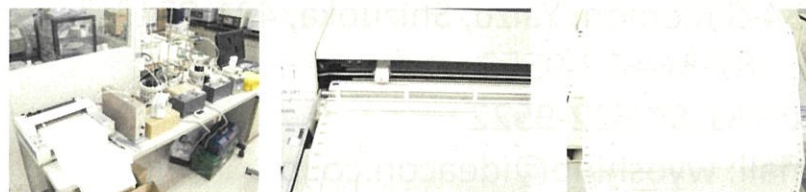
Silicon cork (septum)

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## Hand made Thermal Desorption Device Regarding Mercury standard 3

How to take mercury gas from gas box



8. Set the gold column and measure according to page 14 – 15.

9. Record a condition and result.  
>Temp of gas box (°C)  
>Injection volume (μL)  
>Amount of mercury (ng)  
>peak height (mm)

**Caution:**

Each concentration standard should be measured three times. And on calculation, average should be used.

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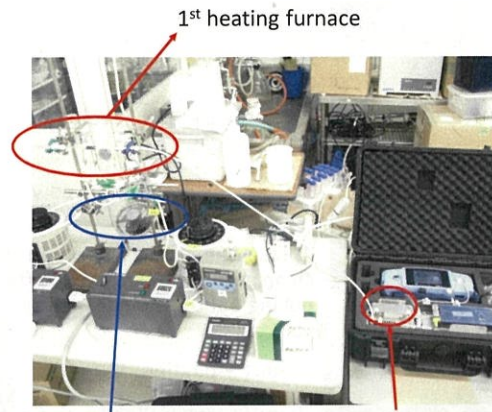
## Hand made Thermal Desorption Device With another Equipment

EMP Gold+  
Mercury Analyzer



Produced by  
Nippon Instruments Corporation (NIC)

Because EMP Gold+ has  
heating furnace, it can be  
used as 2<sup>nd</sup> heating furnace.



No necessary to use  
2<sup>nd</sup> heating furnace  
of this device.

2<sup>nd</sup> heating furnace

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If you couldn't measure sampled columns by yourselves, please  
inform and send us. We'll measure them and return you results.

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## 24 hours continuous sampling for mercury in ambient air by gold amalgamation method

### The explanation of QAQC and Calculation

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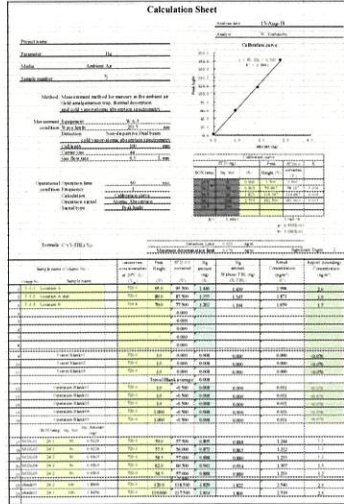
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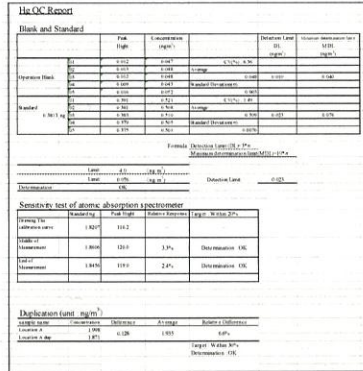
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# Calculation sheet



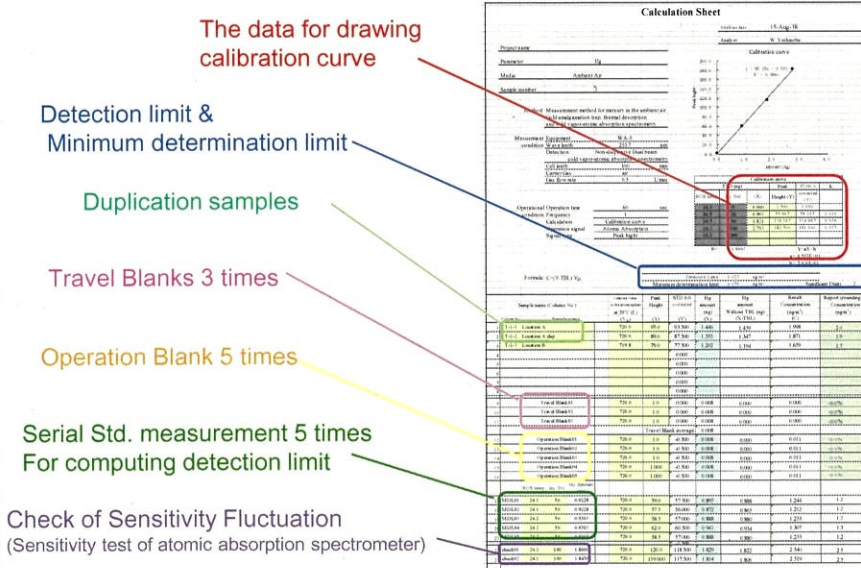
Exemplar of Calculation Sheet



Exemplar of QC Reported Sheet

This XLS file is passed out to you. Exemplar data are input already, so please check formula in cell.

# ITEMS (1) for QC



# ITEMS (2) for QC

Operation Blank 5 times & Calculation of DL & MDL

Serial Std. measurement 5 times For calculation of detection limit

Detection limit & Minimum determination limit And comparison between Target MDL and calculated MDL

Check of Sensitivity Fluctuation & Comparison between first response and end response

Duplication samples & Comparison of two samples

Ha OC Report

| Blank and Standard | Concentration (mg/L) | Response | Detection Limit (DL) | Minimum Determination Limit (MDL) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Blank              | 0.000                | 0.000    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| Standard           | 0.100                | 0.100    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| Standard           | 0.200                | 0.200    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| Standard           | 0.300                | 0.300    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| Standard           | 0.400                | 0.400    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| Standard           | 0.500                | 0.500    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |

| Sample No. | Concentration (mg/L) | Response | Detection Limit (DL) | Minimum Determination Limit (MDL) |
|------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1          | 0.100                | 0.100    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| 2          | 0.200                | 0.200    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| 3          | 0.300                | 0.300    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| 4          | 0.400                | 0.400    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| 5          | 0.500                | 0.500    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |

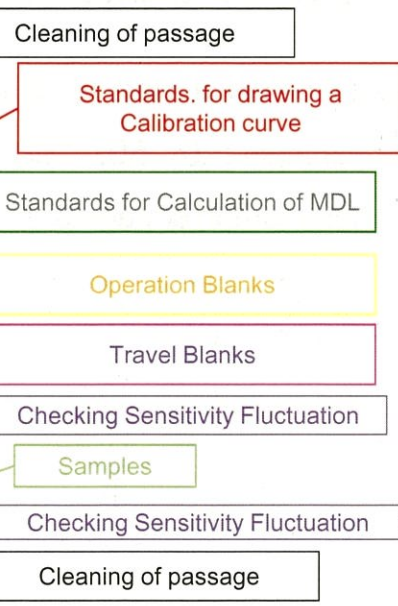
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| 3          | 0.300                | 0.300    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| 4          | 0.400                | 0.400    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| 5          | 0.500                | 0.500    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |

| Sample No. | Concentration (mg/L) | Response | Detection Limit (DL) | Minimum Determination Limit (MDL) |
|------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1          | 0.100                | 0.100    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| 2          | 0.200                | 0.200    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| 3          | 0.300                | 0.300    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| 4          | 0.400                | 0.400    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |
| 5          | 0.500                | 0.500    | 0.000                | 0.000                             |

# Measurement Sequence (for QC)

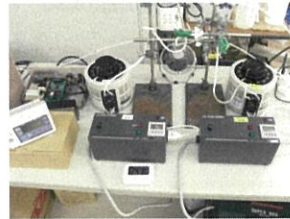
| No | Range | Sample name                |
|----|-------|----------------------------|
| 1  | Low   | Conditioning               |
| 2  | Low   | Conditioning               |
| 3  | Low   | Conditioning               |
| 4  | Low   | STD 0 µL injection         |
| 5  | Low   | STD 0 µL injection         |
| 6  | Low   | STD 0 µL injection         |
| 7  | Low   | STD 50 µL injection        |
| 8  | Low   | STD 50 µL injection        |
| 9  | Low   | STD 50 µL injection        |
| 10 | Low   | STD 100 µL injection       |
| 11 | Low   | STD 100 µL injection       |
| 12 | Low   | STD 100 µL injection       |
| 13 | Low   | STD 150 µL injection       |
| 14 | Low   | STD 150 µL injection       |
| 15 | Low   | STD 150 µL injection       |
| 16 | Low   | MDL 01 50µL                |
| 17 | Low   | MDL 02 50µL                |
| 18 | Low   | MDL 03 50µL                |
| 19 | Low   | MDL 04 50µL                |
| 20 | Low   | MDL 05 50µL                |
| 21 | Low   | Blank 01                   |
| 22 | Low   | Blank 02                   |
| 23 | Low   | Blank 03                   |
| 24 | Low   | Blank 04                   |
| 25 | Low   | Blank 05                   |
| 26 | Low   | Travel Blank 01            |
| 27 | Low   | Travel Blank 02            |
| 28 | Low   | Travel Blank 03            |
| 29 | Low   | Sensitivity check 01 100µL |
| 30 | Low   | Location A                 |
| 31 | Low   | Location A dup             |
| 32 | Low   | Location B                 |
| 33 | Low   | Sensitivity check 02 100µL |
| 34 | Low   | Conditioning               |
| 35 | Low   | Conditioning               |



## QC 0. Baking Gold Column

With the mercury free gas at a flow rate of 0.2-0.5 L/min, heat the collection tube **at 800°C for 5 minutes**. After the heating, the collection tube is cooled under flowing gas and placed in a sealed container to prevent contamination. This procedure is preferably performed immediately before use.

When baking multiple numbers of collection tubes all at once, the blank value should be measured from the same baking lot at a rate of at least 10% or more of the samples with the designated method.



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## QC 1. Calibration curve

At least 4 points or more (Including point 0 ng)

For example : 0, 50, 100, 150 $\mu$ L  $R^2 > 0.995$

(Refer Graph of page 3.)

Gas box temp. 24 °C  
and taking 150 $\mu$ L =Hg amount theoretical value 2.7459 ng

Normal collectable air value is 0.72 m<sup>3</sup>.  
2.7459 ng/0.72 m<sup>3</sup> = 3.814 ng/m<sup>3</sup>

We can measure almost concentration in ambient air.

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## QC 2. Detection Limit (DL, LOD) & Minimum determination limit (MDL, LOQ)

$$\text{Formula : DL (LOD) = } 3 \sigma$$

$$\text{MDL (LOQ) = } 10 \sigma$$

$\sigma$  : Standard Deviation

1. The sigma (standard deviation) is computed with measurement 5 times serial minimum amount std.

(Refer page 4 **green box**)

And more, they should be computed with Travel Blanks (**pink box**) and Operation Blanks (**yellow box**).

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## QC 3. Travel Blank & Operation Blank

**Travel Blank** (Refer Material 1 page 9) :

This procedure must be conducted on more than **three samples** that are **approximately 10% of the total number** of a set of samples from the same study area, period, transportation, or distance.

**Operation Blank** :

This procedure must be conducted on **each measurement more than five samples** .

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## QC 4. Check of Sensitivity Fluctuation (Sensitivity test of atomic absorption spectrometer)

The Target of Relative Standard gas is injected into the first collection tube so that the weight is close to the mid-position of the calibration curve and the sensitivity fluctuation is confirmed by carrying out procedure . This confirmation should be done at least once every 10 samples.

The Target of Relative Response : **Within 20%**

$$= \frac{(1 - (\text{Peak height of Drawing The calibration curve}) / (\text{Peak height of checking Measurement})) \times 100}{}$$

Refer the calculation sheet (formula in cell) .

**Caution:**

Inject amount would be changed according to gas box temp.

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## QC 5. duplication

More than two collection tubes are sampled for the duplicate analysis under the same conditions. The number of samplings for the duplicate analysis is approximately 10% of the total number of a series of samples.

The Target of Relative Duplication : **Within 30 %**

For example,

Location A : X ng/m<sup>3</sup>

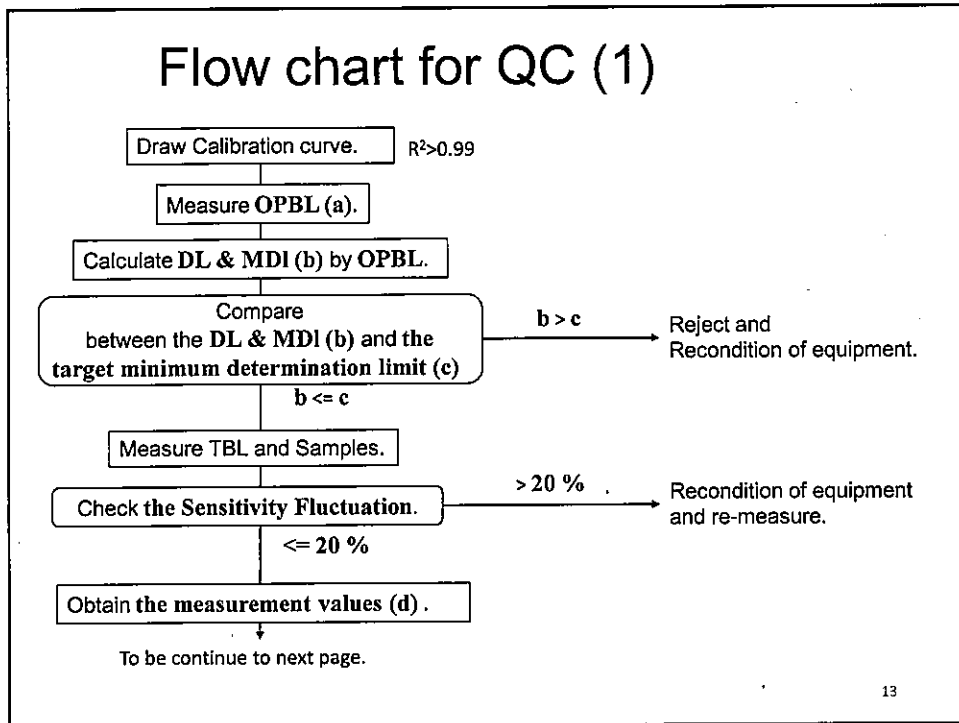
Location A dup. : Y ng/m<sup>3</sup>

} Average =  $(X+Y)/2$

$(X-Y)/\text{Average} \times 100 < 30 \%$

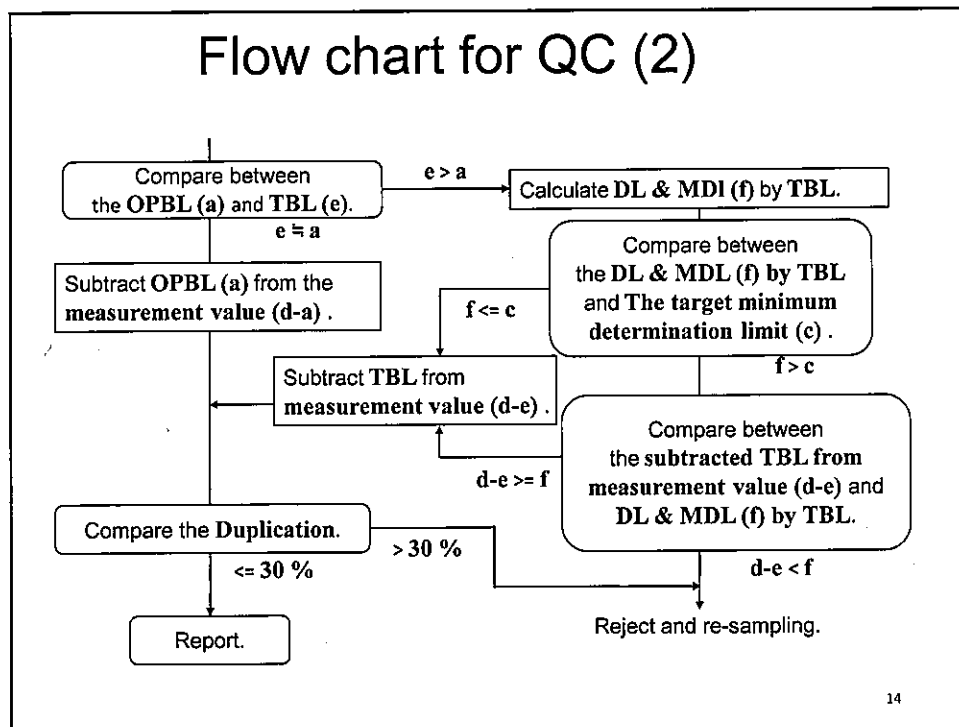
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## Flow chart for QC (1)



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## Flow chart for QC (2)



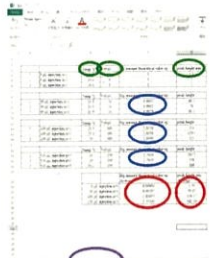
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# Calculation

## (How to use Calculation sheet)

Regarding Calibration curve



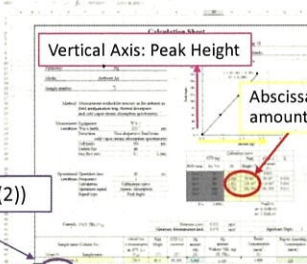
The measured peak height  
Temp and taken Vol of gas box } are entered.

When entering the Temp and Vol, equivalent Hg amount (ng) will be shown automatically.

The average of Hg amount and peak height will be calculated.

Calculation XLSX sheet  
(Standard Peak height)

Calculation XLSX sheet (Hg (2))



These results will be copied and pasted to Hg (2) sheet

Abscissa Axis : Hg amount (ng)

First off, Hg amount (ng) will be calculated, because abscissa axis is Hg amount.

# Calculation

## (How to use Calculation sheet)

Regarding Calibration of concentration

Yellow cells should be filled by yourselves.  
> Sample name, column No., Sampling volume, peak height etc...

Calculation XLSX sheet (Hg (2))

$$C = (As - At) / (V \times 293 / (273 + t) \times P / 101.3)$$

Where  
C: mercury concentration in the atmosphere at 20°C (ng/m³)  
As: mercury amount of the sample (ng)  
At: travel blank value (ng)  
>Operation blank value will be used if it is regarded as being equivalent to the travel blank value.  
V: collected volume measured by the flow meter (m³)  
t: average temperature at the time of sample collection (°C)  
P: average air pressure at the time of sample collection (kPa)

Regardless, since "sigma 300 IIN" will be shown already corrected volume, it no necessary to correct to 20 °C and 1atm

$$C = (As - At) / V_{\text{sigma 300IIN}}$$

Where  
C: mercury concentration in the atmosphere at 20°C (ng/m³)  
As: mercury amount of the sample (ng)  
At: travel blank amount (ng)  
>Operation blank value will be used if it is regarded as being equivalent to the travel blank amount.  
V<sub>sigma 300IIN</sub>: collected volume showed pump of sigma300IIN (m³)

Later on, Let you check the formula in cell by yourselves.

# Calculation

(How to use Calculation sheet)

Regarding QA/QC sheet

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled "Hg QC Report". It contains several tables and sections:

- Table and Standard:** A table with columns for Name, Unit, Conversion, Detection Limit, and Sample Name. It lists "Standard" and "Sample" with their respective values.
- Parameters:** A section with fields for "Name", "Value", "Unit", and "Description".
- Standard test of glassy absorption spectrometer:** A table with columns for Name, Value, Unit, and Description. It lists "Standard", "Sample", and "Reference".
- Integration result (mg/m³):** A table with columns for Name, Value, Unit, and Description. It lists "Standard", "Sample", and "Reference".

This sheet is referred from sheet Hg (2) sheet. And DL, MDL and other will be calculated automatically, expect Yellow cell.



In yellow cell, applicable date should be copied and pasted from sheet "Hg (2)" .

Calculation XLSX sheet (QC (2))

# Calculation Sheet

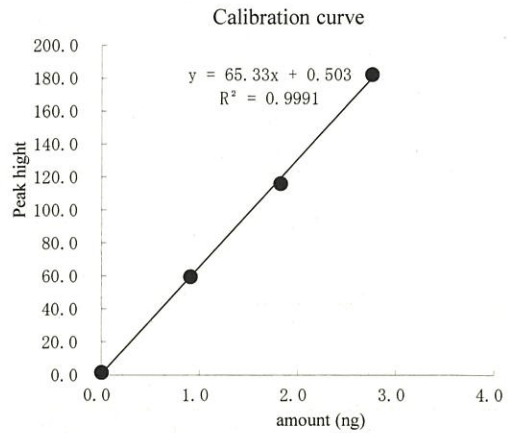
Project name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parameter:                     Hg                      
 Media:                     Ambient Air                      
 Sample number:                     2                    

Analysis date                     15-Aug-18                      
 Analyst                     W. Yoshinobu                    

Method: Measurement method for mercury in the ambient air  
 Gold amalgamation trap, thermal desorption  
 and cold vapor-atomic absorption spectrometry

|                      |               |   |
|----------------------|---------------|---|
| Mesuerment condition | Equipment     | WA-5  |
|                      | Wave lenth    | 253.7 nm  |
|                      | Detection     | Non-dispersive Dual beam<br>cold vapor-atomic absorption spectrometry |
|                      | Cell lenth    | 100 mm  |
|                      | Carrier Gas   | air   |
|                      | Gas flow rate | 0.5 L/min   |

|                       |                  |                   |     |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----|
| Operational condition | Operation time   | 60                | sec |
|                       | Frequency        | 1                 |     |
|                       | Calculation      | Calibration curve |     |
|                       | Operation signal | Atomic Absorption |     |
|                       | Signal type      | Peak hight        |     |



| Calibration curve |           |       |            |                |
|-------------------|-----------|-------|------------|----------------|
| STD (ng)          |           | Peak  | STD0.0     | K              |
| BOX temp.         | Inj. Vol. | (X)   | Height (Y) | corrected (Y') |
| 24.5              | 0         | 0.000 | 1.500      | 0.000          |
| 24.5              | 20        | 0.903 | 59.667     | 58.167         |
| 24.5              | 50        | 1.821 | 116.167    | 114.667        |
| 24.5              | 100       | 2.753 | 182.500    | 181.000        |
| 24.5              | 200       |       |            |                |

R<sup>2</sup>= 0.9991  
 Y=aX+b  
 a= 6.533E+01  
 b= 5.030E-01

Formula: C=(Y-TBL)/V<sub>20</sub>

|                             |       |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Detection Limit             | 0.079 | ng/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Minimum determination limit | 0.270 | ng/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Significant Digits          | 2     |                   |

| Sample name (Column No.)   | Collected Value in the atmosphere at 20°C (L) (V <sub>20</sub> ) | Peak Height (Y) | STD 0.0 corrected (Y') | Hg amount (ng) (X) | Hg amount Without TBL (ng) (X-TBL) | Result Concentration (ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) (C) | Report (rounding) Concentration (ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Column No. Sample name     |  |                 |                        |                    |                                    |   |  |
| 1 T-1-1 Location A         | 720.0  | 95.0            | 93.500                 | 1.446              | 1.439                              | 1.998   | 2.0  |
| 2 T-1-2 Location A dup.    | 720.0  | 89.0            | 87.500                 | 1.355              | 1.347                              | 1.871   | 1.9  |
| 3 T-1-3 Location B         | 719.8  | 79.0            | 77.500                 | 1.202              | 1.194                              | 1.659   | 1.7  |
| 4                          |  |                 | 0.000                  |                    |                                    |   |  |
| 5                          |  |                 | 0.000                  |                    |                                    |   |  |
| 6                          |  |                 | 0.000                  |                    |                                    |   |  |
| 7                          |  |                 | 0.000                  |                    |                                    |   |  |
| 8                          |  |                 | 0.000                  |                    |                                    |   |  |
| 9 Travel Blank01           | 720.0  | 1.0             | 0.000                  | 0.008              | 0.000                              | 0.000   | <0.27  |
| 10 Travel Blank02          | 720.0  | 1.0             | 0.000                  | 0.008              | 0.000                              | 0.000   | <0.27  |
| 11 Travel Blank03          | 720.0  | 1.0             | 0.000                  | 0.008              | 0.000                              | 0.000   | <0.27  |
|                            |  |                 | Travel Blank average   | 0.008              |                                    |   |  |
| 12 Operation Blank01       | 720.0  | 1.0             | -0.500                 | 0.008              | 0.000                              | 0.011   | <0.27  |
| 13 Operation Blank02       | 720.0  | 1.0             | -0.500                 | 0.008              | 0.000                              | 0.011   | <0.27  |
| 14 Operation Blank03       | 720.0  | 1.0             | -0.500                 | 0.008              | 0.000                              | 0.011   | <0.27  |
| 15 Operation Blank04       | 720.0  | 1.0             | -0.500                 | 0.008              | 0.000                              | 0.011   | <0.27  |
| 16 Operation Blank05       | 720.0  | 1.0             | -0.500                 | 0.008              | 0.000                              | 0.011   | <0.27  |
|                            | BOX temp. Inj. Vol. Inj. Amount (ng)                             |                 |                        |                    |                                    |   |  |
| 17 MDL01 24.1 50 0.9228    | 720.0  | 59.0            | 57.500                 | 0.895              | 0.888                              | 1.244   | 1.2  |
| 18 MDL02 24.1 50 0.9228    | 720.0  | 57.5            | 56.000                 | 0.872              | 0.865                              | 1.212   | 1.2  |
| 19 MDL03 24.2 50 0.9303    | 720.0  | 58.5            | 57.000                 | 0.888              | 0.880                              | 1.233   | 1.2  |
| 20 MDL04 24.2 50 0.9303    | 720.0  | 62.0            | 60.500                 | 0.941              | 0.934                              | 1.307   | 1.3  |
| 21 MDL05 24.2 50 0.9303    | 720.0  | 58.5            | 57.000                 | 0.888              | 0.880                              | 1.233   | 1.2  |
| 22 check01 24.2 100 1.8606 | 720.0  | 120.0           | 118.500                | 1.829              | 1.822                              | 2.540   | 2.5  |
| 23 check02 24.1 100 1.8456 | 720.0  | 119.0           | 117.500                | 1.814              | 1.806                              | 2.519   | 2.5  |

# Hg QC Report

## Blank and Standard

|                   |    | Peak Hight | Concentration (ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) |                        | Detection Limit DL (ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Minimum determination limit MDL (ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|-------------------|----|------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Operation Blank   | 01 | 1.0        | 0.011                              | CV(%) : 0.00           |   |  |
|                   | 02 | 1.0        | 0.011                              | Average:               |   |  |
|                   | 03 | 1.0        | 0.011                              | 0.011                  | 0.000                                   | 0.000  |
|                   | 04 | 1.0        | 0.011                              | Standard Deviation(σ): |   |  |
|                   | 05 | 1.0        | 0.011                              | 0.000                  |   |  |
| Standard #REF! ng | 01 | 59.0       | 0.888                              | CV(%) : 2.94           |   |  |
|                   | 02 | 57.5       | 0.865                              | Average:               |   |  |
|                   | 03 | 58.5       | 0.880                              | 0.889                  | 0.079                                   | 0.27   |
|                   | 04 | 62.0       | 0.934                              | Standard Deviation(σ): |   |  |
|                   | 05 | 58.5       | 0.880                              | 0.0262                 |   |  |

Formula: Detection Limit (DL)=3\*σ  
Minimum determination limit(MDL)=10\*σ

|                    |      |                      |                       |
|--------------------|------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Limit              | 4.0  | (ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) |                       |
| Detemination Limit | 0.27 | (ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Detection Limit 0.079 |
| Determination:     | OK   |                      |                       |

## Sensitivity test of atomic absorption spectrometer

|                               | Standard ng | Peak Hight | Relative Response | Target : Within 20% |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Drawing The calibration curve | 1.8207      | 116.2      | —                 | —                   |
| Middle of Measurement         | 1.8606      | 120.0      | 3.3%              | Determination : OK  |
| End of Measurement            | 1.8456      | 119.0      | 2.4%              | Determination : OK  |

## Duplication (unit : ng/m<sup>3</sup>)

| sample name     | Concentration | Difference | Average | Relative Difference |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------|---------------------|
| Location A      | 1.998         | 0.128      | 1.935   | 6.6%                |
| Location A dup. | 1.871         |            |         |                     |

Target : Within 30%  
Determination : OK

(Provisional Translation)

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## **Measurement method for mercury in the ambient air**

### **Gold amalgamation trap, thermal desorption and cold vapor-atomic absorption spectrometry**

#### **1 Overview of the measurement method**

Mercury in the atmosphere is collected at a constant flow rate by using a collection tube (gold column) filled with collection particles. A soda lime tube for removing moisture should be connected to the front of the collection tube. The particles are composed of diatomaceous earth particles with gold baked on their surfaces. Mercury in the atmosphere is collected as gold amalgam. During sampling, the surfaces of the collection particles may adsorb interfering gas and measured values could be compromised. In order to eliminate the influence of interfering gas, re-collect the mercury vapor generated by the collection tube attached to the thermal desorption device in the collection tube that is controlled to maintain the appropriate temperature.

The collection tube used to re-collect mercury is heated at high temperature, and desorbed atomic mercury is led to the absorption detector cell of the atomic absorption spectrometer to determine the quantity of mercury by measuring the atomic absorption at a wavelength of 253.7 nm.

With this method, analysis and collection of gaseous elemental mercury suspended in the ambient air is possible. Measurement accuracy and sampling efficiency of the other chemical forms of mercury is partly uncertain. However, because the majority exists as gaseous elemental mercury, the measured value determined by this method is considered as measured value for mercury concentration in the ambient air.

It is necessary to implement measurement quality control in order to ensure the reliability of the measured value determined by the measurement of mercury as described in this manual.

#### **2 Reagent**

##### **(1) Standard material**

Elemental mercury: more than 99% purity with assay.

(Note 1) This is used to build Figure 5 "Overview of mercury vapor saturated gas preparation device". However, commercial mercury saturated gas preparation equipment is commercially available.

(Refer page 16-17 in Material 2)

##### **(2) Diatomaceous earth particles**

Thermostable diatomaceous earth particles of 500-600  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter.

##### **(3) Gold chloride acid**

Gold chloride (III) acid tetrahydrate  $\text{HAuCl}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , CASRN 1303-50-0

##### **(4) Collection particles**

Collect 3 g of diatomaceous earth particles in a beaker (50-100 mL). Then, add a solution prepared by dissolving 1 g of gold chloride (III) acid ( $\text{HAuCl}_4$ ) to 20-30 mL of water and stir uniformly. After heating to approximately 80°C and drying by occasionally shaking, place the collection particles in a tubular furnace and heat for 30 minutes at about 800°C with air flow.

(Note 2) Item No. (2), (3) are used for preparation of collection particles (4). However, Commercial collection particles or collection tubes filled with these collection particles are readily available, and they are useful and convenience. In this training, commercial product column are used.

(Refer page 3 in Material 1)

**(5) Soda lime**

Particle size (diameter) : about 1.5 to 3.5 mm

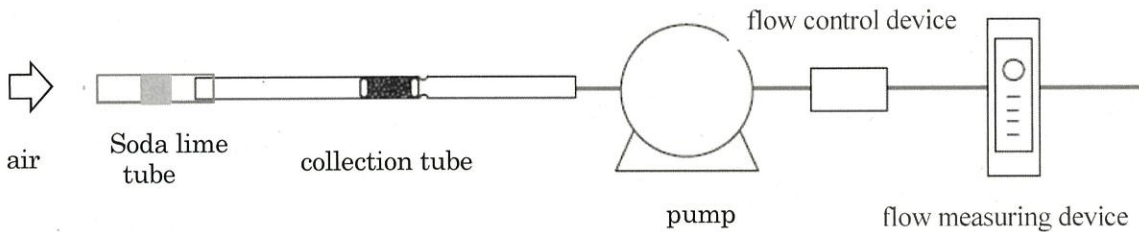
In order to eliminate mercury blank, the soda lime should be heated at 300 °C for 12 hours and mercury free dry air should be blown for 12 hours. And then before using sampling, it should be confirmed that the soda lime has no mercury blank.

**3 Apparatus and equipment**

**(1) Sampling device**

The sampling device is as shown in Figure 1. A soda lime tube, a collection tube, a flow control device, a pump, and a flow measuring device are connected.

It is desirable to collect samples directly within the collection tube. When, for unavoidable reasons, a conduit is used, use equipment made of clean glass or tetrafluoroethylene and/or material of equal or better property as it is less likely for mercury gas to adhere. Equipment for the sampling device should be washed thoroughly, to avoid contamination. In addition, after assembling the device prior to sampling, it should be confirmed that there are no leaks.

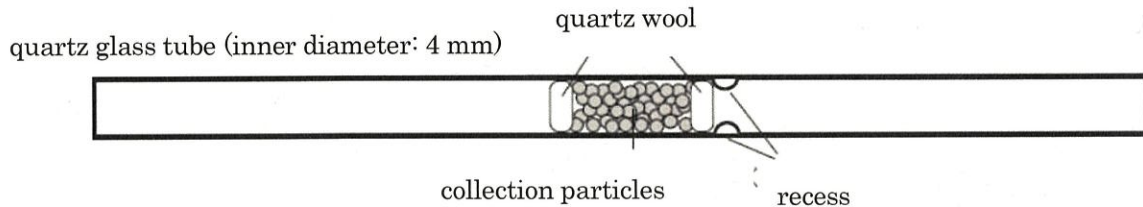


**Figure 1 Overview of mercury sampling device**

**a) Collection tube (gold column)**

As illustrated in Figure 2, a quartz glass tube with a circular recess is filled in the order of quartz wool, approximately 80 mg of collection particles, and quartz wool.

(Note 1) Refer page 3 in material 1)

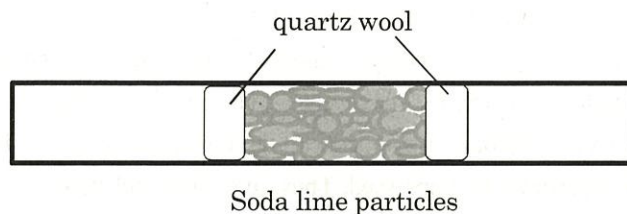


**Figure 2 Example of a mercury collection tube**

**b) Collection tube sealed container**

The container should be a glass test tube that can be hermetically sealed and stored free from mercury contamination.

**c) Soda Lime tube**



**Figure 3 Example of a soda lime tube**

As shown in Figure 3, a several centimeter length tetrafluoroethylene tube whose inner diameter fits the outer diameter of the collection tube should be prepared. Soda lime of few grams should be filled in the center of the tube, and both sides should be closed by quartz wool. (The quartz wool should be treated with silane.) The Soda lime tube should be refilled with new soda lime for every sampling.

**d) Pump**

The sealed pump, such as diaphragm type, should have a controllable gas flow rate within the range of 0.1-1.0 L/min, or be a pump of equivalent or higher performance.

**e) Flow control device**

The flow control device should have a controllable gas flow rate within the range of 0.1-1.0 L/min, control accuracy within  $\pm 10\%$  of the configuration; or, be a device of equivalent or higher performance.

**f) Flow measuring device**

The flow measuring device should be able to measure to 3 decimal places of 0.001 L/min with wet gas meter, dry gas meter, float shaped area flow meter, and mass flow meter, and must be operated with high accuracy within the control range of the flow control device. A unit allowing integrated flow rate measurement is desirable, or a unit of equivalent or higher performance.

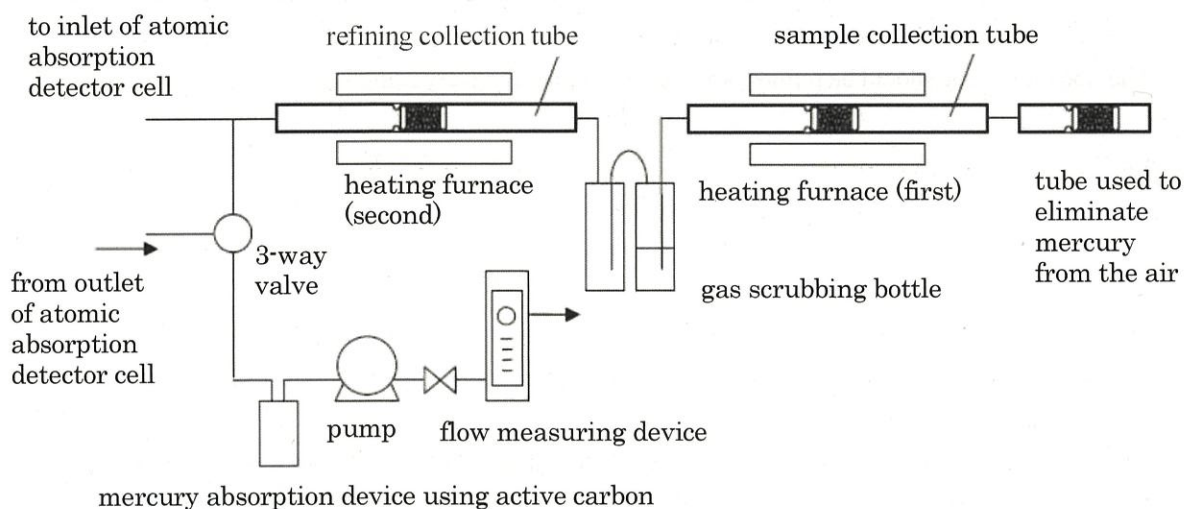
**(Note 3) The pump used in this training (sigma 300IIN) is installed e) flow control device and f) flow measuring device. (Refer page 10 in material 1)**

## (2) Sample introduction device

### a) Thermal desorption device

As illustrated in Figure 4, the used collection tube with the air sample is attached to the thermal desorption device, and the heating furnace (first) is heated to 600-700°C with a flow of mercury free air. After the vaporized gas within the mercury is washed and moisture is eliminated by introducing through a gas scrubbing bottle, the samples are re-collected in a collection tube (refining collection tube) attached to an atomic absorption spectrometer set to 150°C. The gas passed through the collection tube is released to the open air. Under this condition, only mercury is trapped into the collection tube and the adsorption of other interfering gas to the collection particles is suppressed. Thus, interfering substances in the mercury analysis is eliminated.

Next, after the re-collection procedure, the valve is switched to the absorption detector cell side, and the atomic mercury released by a heating of second furnace is led to the absorption detector cell of the atomic absorption spectrophotometer.



**Figure 4 Example of thermal desorption device for mercury analysis**

(Note 4) Regarding Gas Scrubbing Bottle: Water is used as washing solution. However, if acidic substance exists within the trapping material and the pH of the washing solution drops, a small amount of mercury may be dissolved into the washing solution. In such a case, it is preferable to use neutral phosphate pH standard solution diluted with water, instead of using water as the washing solution. Use after having confirmed that there is no mercury contamination in the washing solution. (Refer page 8 in material 2)

(Note 5) Regarding this device, refer material 2

### (3) Atomic absorption spectrometer

An atomic absorption spectrometer for mercury analysis or an atomic absorption spectrometer is used. This device is composed of a light source unit, an absorption detector cell unit, a wavelength selection unit, and a photometry unit.

#### a) Light source unit

The light source unit is a low-pressure mercury lamp or a mercurial hollow cathode lamp.

#### b) Absorption detector cell unit

The absorption detector cell is a plastic or glass tube (that does not absorb mercury) of 100-300 mm length with quartz glass windows at both ends.



**c) Wavelength selection unit**

The wavelength selection unit for the atomic absorption spectrometer for mercury analysis is normally non-dispersive type. However, a spectrometer with a diffraction grating may also be used.

**d) Photometry unit**

The detector of the photometry unit is a phototube, a semiconductor detector, or a photomultiplier tube.

**(Note 6) The AAS installed in your laboratory may be able to use.**

**e) Carrier gas**

The carrier gas is air, nitrogen, etc. that is mercury free.

**(Note 7) In this training, air passed through a gold column and eliminate Hg are used. (Refer material 2)**

**(4) Mercury standard gas**

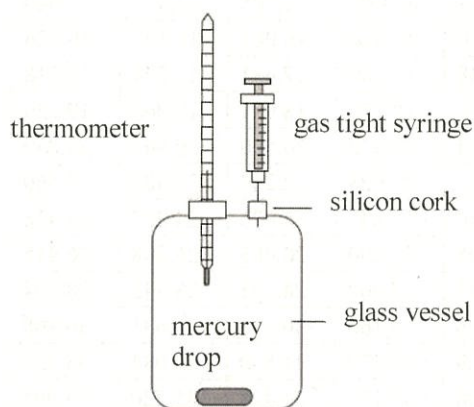
A mercury vapor saturated gas preparation device as shown in Figure 5 is used. The device should have a structure that can be sealed after putting a few grams of elemental mercury in a glass container with thermal insulation. Also, it must be equipped with a control pressure hole for balancing the pressure within the glass vessel with the external atmospheric pressure (gas tight syringe insertion hole) and a thermometer that can measure the temperature in the glass vessel measurable to  $1/10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The amount of mercury contained in a unit volume of mercury vapor saturated gas in the preparation device is shown in Table 1.

**(Note 8, 1) Commercial mercury saturated gas preparation equipment is commercially available.**

**(Refer page 16-18 in material 2)**

**(5) Gas-tight syringe**

Capacity of  $10\ \mu\text{L}$  -  $1\ \text{mL}$ .



**Figure 5 Overview of mercury vapor saturated gas preparation device**

Table 1 Unit volume weight of mercury contained in mercury vapor saturated gas

Unit: ng/mL

| t °C | 0.0    | 0.1    | 0.2    | 0.3    | 0.4    | 0.5    | 0.6    | 0.7    | 0.8    | 0.9    |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0.0  | 2.179  | 2.202  | 2.225  | 2.248  | 2.271  | 2.295  | 2.319  | 2.343  | 2.368  | 2.392  |
| 1.0  | 2.417  | 2.441  | 2.465  | 2.489  | 2.514  | 2.539  | 2.564  | 2.589  | 2.614  | 2.640  |
| 2.0  | 2.666  | 2.691  | 2.716  | 2.741  | 2.766  | 2.792  | 2.818  | 2.844  | 2.871  | 2.897  |
| 3.0  | 2.924  | 2.951  | 2.978  | 3.005  | 3.033  | 3.061  | 3.089  | 3.117  | 3.146  | 3.175  |
| 4.0  | 3.204  | 3.234  | 3.264  | 3.295  | 3.325  | 3.356  | 3.388  | 3.419  | 3.451  | 3.483  |
| 5.0  | 3.516  | 3.549  | 3.583  | 3.616  | 3.650  | 3.685  | 3.719  | 3.754  | 3.789  | 3.825  |
| 6.0  | 3.861  | 3.897  | 3.933  | 3.970  | 4.007  | 4.045  | 4.083  | 4.121  | 4.159  | 4.198  |
| 7.0  | 4.237  | 4.276  | 4.316  | 4.356  | 4.396  | 4.437  | 4.478  | 4.519  | 4.561  | 4.603  |
| 8.0  | 4.645  | 4.688  | 4.731  | 4.774  | 4.817  | 4.861  | 4.905  | 4.949  | 4.994  | 5.039  |
| 9.0  | 5.085  | 5.131  | 5.178  | 5.225  | 5.273  | 5.321  | 5.369  | 5.418  | 5.467  | 5.517  |
| 10.0 | 5.567  | 5.616  | 5.666  | 5.716  | 5.767  | 5.818  | 5.870  | 5.921  | 5.974  | 6.026  |
| 11.0 | 6.079  | 6.133  | 6.187  | 6.241  | 6.296  | 6.351  | 6.407  | 6.463  | 6.519  | 6.576  |
| 12.0 | 6.633  | 6.692  | 6.751  | 6.810  | 6.870  | 6.931  | 6.992  | 7.053  | 7.115  | 7.177  |
| 13.0 | 7.240  | 7.304  | 7.369  | 7.435  | 7.501  | 7.568  | 7.635  | 7.703  | 7.771  | 7.840  |
| 14.0 | 7.909  | 7.979  | 8.049  | 8.119  | 8.191  | 8.262  | 8.335  | 8.408  | 8.481  | 8.555  |
| 15.0 | 8.630  | 8.705  | 8.781  | 8.858  | 8.935  | 9.013  | 9.092  | 9.171  | 9.251  | 9.331  |
| 16.0 | 9.412  | 9.493  | 9.575  | 9.658  | 9.742  | 9.826  | 9.910  | 9.995  | 10.081 | 10.168 |
| 17.0 | 10.255 | 10.342 | 10.429 | 10.516 | 10.604 | 10.693 | 10.783 | 10.873 | 10.964 | 11.056 |
| 18.0 | 11.148 | 11.242 | 11.337 | 11.433 | 11.529 | 11.626 | 11.724 | 11.823 | 11.922 | 12.022 |
| 19.0 | 12.123 | 12.225 | 12.328 | 12.432 | 12.536 | 12.641 | 12.747 | 12.854 | 12.961 | 13.070 |
| 20.0 | 13.179 | 13.289 | 13.400 | 13.511 | 13.623 | 13.737 | 13.851 | 13.965 | 14.081 | 14.198 |
| 21.0 | 14.315 | 14.434 | 14.553 | 14.674 | 14.795 | 14.917 | 15.040 | 15.164 | 15.289 | 15.415 |
| 22.0 | 15.542 | 15.670 | 15.800 | 15.930 | 16.061 | 16.193 | 16.326 | 16.461 | 16.596 | 16.732 |
| 23.0 | 16.869 | 17.008 | 17.148 | 17.289 | 17.431 | 17.574 | 17.718 | 17.864 | 18.010 | 18.158 |
| 24.0 | 18.306 | 18.456 | 18.606 | 18.758 | 18.911 | 19.065 | 19.220 | 19.376 | 19.534 | 19.693 |
| 25.0 | 19.852 | 20.012 | 20.174 | 20.336 | 20.500 | 20.664 | 20.830 | 20.998 | 21.166 | 21.336 |
| 26.0 | 21.506 | 21.679 | 21.853 | 22.028 | 22.204 | 22.382 | 22.560 | 22.741 | 22.922 | 23.105 |
| 27.0 | 23.289 | 23.474 | 23.660 | 23.847 | 24.036 | 24.227 | 24.418 | 24.611 | 24.805 | 25.001 |
| 28.0 | 25.198 | 25.397 | 25.598 | 25.800 | 26.003 | 26.208 | 26.415 | 26.622 | 26.832 | 27.042 |
| 29.0 | 27.255 | 27.469 | 27.685 | 27.902 | 28.121 | 28.342 | 28.564 | 28.787 | 29.012 | 29.239 |
| 30.0 | 29.467 | 29.697 | 29.928 | 30.160 | 30.395 | 30.631 | 30.868 | 31.107 | 31.348 | 31.591 |
| 31.0 | 31.835 | 32.081 | 32.329 | 32.579 | 32.830 | 33.084 | 33.339 | 33.595 | 33.854 | 34.114 |
| 32.0 | 34.376 | 34.641 | 34.908 | 35.177 | 35.448 | 35.720 | 35.995 | 36.271 | 36.549 | 36.829 |
| 33.0 | 37.111 | 37.395 | 37.681 | 37.969 | 38.258 | 38.550 | 38.843 | 39.139 | 39.437 | 39.736 |
| 34.0 | 40.038 | 40.341 | 40.647 | 40.954 | 41.264 | 41.575 | 41.889 | 42.205 | 42.523 | 42.843 |
| 35.0 | 43.165 | 43.491 | 43.819 | 44.148 | 44.481 | 44.815 | 45.152 | 45.491 | 45.832 | 46.176 |
| 36.0 | 46.522 | 46.870 | 47.221 | 47.575 | 47.930 | 48.289 | 48.649 | 49.012 | 49.378 | 49.745 |
| 37.0 | 50.116 | 50.488 | 50.863 | 51.241 | 51.621 | 52.004 | 52.389 | 52.777 | 53.167 | 53.560 |
| 38.0 | 53.955 | 54.354 | 54.755 | 55.158 | 55.565 | 55.974 | 56.385 | 56.800 | 57.217 | 57.637 |

## 4 Sampling

### (1) Baking collection tube

With the mercury free gas at a flow rate of 0.2-0.5 L/min, heat the collection tube at 800°C for 5 minutes. After the heating, the collection tube is cooled under flowing gas and placed in a sealed container to prevent contamination. This procedure is preferably performed immediately before use.

**(Note 9) Or be carried out same operation as measurement twice time. And check the response have almost nothing. (Refer page 4 in material 1 and page 7 in material 7)**

When baking multiple numbers of collection tubes all at once, the blank value should be measured from the same baking lot at a rate of at least 10% or more of the samples with the designated method. The blank value converted to atmospheric concentration should be below the target minimum determination limit. If the blank value exceeds the target minimum determination limit, all collection tubes of the same lot, including the measured tube, should be re-baked, and the blank value checked again.

### (2) Sampling

Take out the collection tube from the sealed container, connect the soda lime tube to the front of the collection tube. And attach the side with dents (circular recess) to the sampling device (as shown in Figure 1). After confirming that there are no leaks in the entire path of the sampling, operate the pump for 24 hours with an aspiration at a flow rate of approximately 0.1-0.5 L/min. **(Note 10) Refer page 7 -8 in material 1.**

After the sampling is over, seal the collection tube and place it in a sealed container until analysis.

Store the collection tube for the travel blank test in a sealed container, carry it in the same manner as the collection tube for the samples, except for the sampling procedure. In other words, open the plug of the travel blank collection tube during sample preparation (from when the plug of collection tube for sampling is opened until the start of sampling). Seal the collection tube for the travel blank again, and place it besides the collection tube for sampling during the sampling. After the sampling is completed, open the plug and seal it once again together with the collection tube for samplings, and store it until analysis. This travel blank test must be performed whenever contamination is suspected during transportation of the collected samples from the sampling site. Otherwise, it is not necessary to perform this procedure every time as long as it is confirmed that the prevention measures for contamination are carried out. However, in order to ensure the reliability of the sampling, the travel blank test should be thoroughly verified in advance and should be prepared to present the data when necessary. This procedure must be conducted on more than three samples that are approximately 10% of the total number of a set of samples from the same study area, period, transportation, or distance. **(Note 11) Refer page 9 in material 1 and page 10 in material 3.**

More than two collection tubes are sampled for the duplicate analysis under the same conditions. The number of samplings for the duplicate analysis is approximately 10% of the total number of a series of samples. **(Note 12) Refer page 12 in material 3**

## 5 Test procedure

### (1) Setting analytical conditions of the sample introduction device, the atomic absorption spectrometer, and adjusting the equipment

Analytical conditions of the sample introduction device and the atomic absorption spectrometer are set following the example shown below.

#### Sample introduction device

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Heating duration: | 2 minutes   |
| Carrier gas:      | air passing through the mercury collection tube 0.5 L/min |
| Washing solution: | diluted neutral phosphate pH standard solution (1 + 1)    |

#### Atomic absorption spectrometer

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Light source:     | mercury discharge tube                                     |
| Wavelength:       | 253.7 nm   |
| Detection method: | non-dispersive two-beam-type cold atomic absorption method |

### (2) Sample measurement

The thermal desorption apparatus illustrated in Figure 3 is operated as follows.

Take the collection tube with the sample out from the sealed container and attach it to the first heating furnace. Attach the purification collection tube of exclusive use, of which the blank was sufficiently reduced in advance, to the second heating furnace and keep the temperature of the furnace at 150°C. Switch the three-way valve to suction pump, then, heat the first heating furnace at 600-800°C to vaporize the mercury while the mercury free gas flows at a constant flow rate of 0.2-0.5 L/min and re-collect mercury into the collection tube (as shown in Figure 3, the refining collection tube in the second heating furnace). Next, switch the three-way valve to absorption detector cell, guide the mercury vapor which vaporized by heating at 500-800°C in the second heating furnace to the absorption detector cell. Mercury is measured by an atomic absorption at spectrum analysis wavelength of 253.7 nm and weight of mercury ( $A_s$ ; ng) is obtained from peak height or peak area based on the calibration curve prepared in advance in (3). **(Note 13) Refer page 14-15 in material 2**

### (3) Creating a calibration curve

Take an appropriate amount of standard gas of mercury (0.1-10 ng of mercury) stepwise using the gas-tight syringe from the mercury vapor saturated gas preparation device, inject the gas into the collection tube of the thermal desorption-atomic absorption spectrometer (the collection tube in the first heating furnace in Figure 3), create a calibration curve based on the relationship between the absorbance obtained in (2) and the amount of mercury injected. The calibration curve is created by 5 or more different mercury injection volumes (including zero). The calibration curve is created just before the measurement.

**(Note 14) Refer page 16-18 in material 2**

**(Note 15) Mercury standard solution can be used. Method for preparing mercury standard solution in this case is as follows.**

**(1) Mercury diluted solution: take 10 mg of L-cysteine into a volumetric flask (1000 mL), add water and dissolve by shaking, add 2 mL of nitric acid, then, add water to the mark line. Prepare the dilution when it is used.**

**(2) Mercury standard stock solution (100 µg Hg/mL): take 67.7 mg of mercury chloride (II) (HgCl<sub>2</sub>) into a volumetric flask (500 mL), dissolve in mercury diluted solution, and add additional mercury diluted solution to the mark line to make a standard stock solution. Store it in a refrigerator.**

**(3) Standard mercury solution (0.001-0.1 µg Hg/mL): obtain by adjusting the standard stock solution to a predetermined concentration. Dilute with mercury dilution solution when it is used.**

(Note 16) If a reducing vaporization device is used, attach the collection tube to the outlet of the reduced vaporizer. The mercury standard solution is reduced, vaporized mercury is collected, and a calibration curve is made. If there is a heating furnace between the first heating furnace and the gas scrubbing bottle as shown in Figure 3, a calibration curve can be also made using a mercury standard solution. The substantial steps are as follows.

Make a standard concentration series of mercury standard solution (0.001- 0.1 µgHg/mL). Inject 100 µL of the solution into the magnetic boat or collection tube. Place it in the first heating furnace. Following procedure 5-(2), make a calibration curve based on the relationship between the mercury injection volume and the absorbance. It should be noted that contamination from the magnetic boat or collection tube should be avoided.

The calibration curve is made for standard concentration series with 4 or more stages, including zero. The calibration curve is made when a measurement is conducted.

#### **(4) Operation blank test**

For the blank test use the same baked lot tube as the sample collection tube. The operation blank value is obtained following the procedure (2). (Note 17) Refer page 10 and page 13-14 (Flowchart) in material 3.

#### **(5) Travel blank test**

The weight of the mercury is measured by procedure (2) for the collection tube used for the travel blank test described in 4-(2). More than three samples are measured, and the average is considered a travel blank value ( $A_t$ : ng). (Note 18) Refer page 10 and page 13-14 (Flowchart) in material 3.

#### **(6) Sensitivity test of atomic absorption spectrometer**

Standard gas is injected into the first collection tube so that the weight is close to the mid-position of the calibration curve and the sensitivity fluctuation is confirmed by carrying out procedure (2). This confirmation should be done at least once every 10 samples. When it is confirmed that the sensitivity fluctuation of the device is stable, the frequency of the sensitivity tests may be reduced within this range. However, there are risks in conducting sensitivity tests at longer intervals. Because the relationship between the cause of abnormal values or dual measured values exceeding the standard value and the sensitivity fluctuation cannot be confirmed, all samples in the period may be re-measured or treated as missing values. In addition, when the sensitivity fluctuation exceeds 20%, all samples measured previously should be re-measured. Thus, the frequency of the sensitivity test should be set within a practical range such that re-measurement is possible, taking these risks and sample storability into account. Prior to reducing the frequency of the sensitivity test, it should be discussed sufficiently about the test in order to ensure the reliability so that a drastic sensitivity fluctuation does not occur and that the sensitivity is kept stable during a long temporal interval. Documents or data should be prepared for presentation when necessary.

(Note 19) Refer page 11 and page 13-14 (Flowchart) in material 3.

#### **(7) Duplicate analysis**

The mercury amount for collection tubes for the dual measurement described in 4-(2) is measured by the procedure explained in (2). (Note 20) Refer page 12 and page 13-14 (Flowchart) in material 3.

## 6 Measurement of detection limit and minimum determination limit

Inject the standard gas which is equivalent to the lowest concentration for creating the calibration curve (near the minimum determination limit) into the baked collection tube, and obtain a measured value by conducting procedure 5-(2) (A: ng). Then, value A is substituted to  $(A_s - A_t)$  of formula (3) to calculate the atmospheric concentration. The detection limit and minimum determination limit of mercury are calculated from the standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) obtained from measuring results of more than 5 samples, by using formulas (1) and (2). However, if the operation blank value exists, the operation blank value must be measured, and the calculation must be conducted by using a larger standard deviation within those of a standard gas and an operation blank value. (See Note 13)

This measurement should be carried out more than once if analytical conditions of the instruments are configured

Detection limit =  $3 \sigma$  ( $\text{ng}/\text{m}^3$ ) ..... formula (1)

Minimum determination limit =  $10 \sigma$  ( $\text{ng}/\text{m}^3$ ) ..... formula (2)

(Note 21) Refer page 9 and page 13-14 (Flowchart) in material 3.

## 7 Calculating the atmospheric mercury concentration

The atmospheric mercury concentration is calculated using formula (3) based on the results obtained in 5-(2).

$$C = (A_s - A_t) / (V \times 293 / (273 + t) \times P / 101.3) \dots \dots \dots \text{formula (3)}$$

Where

- C: mercury concentration in the atmosphere at 20°C (ng/m<sup>3</sup>)
- A<sub>s</sub>: mercury amount of the sample (ng)
- A<sub>t</sub>: travel blank value (ng)  
Operation blank value will be used if it is regarded as being equivalent to the travel blank value.
- V: collected volume measured by the flow meter (m<sup>3</sup>)
- t: average temperature at the time of sample collection (°C)
- P: average air pressure at the time of sample collection (kPa)

If a wet-type integrating flow meter is used, relative humidity correction is made after calculating dry gas volume using the average water temperature (°C) of integrating flow meter as “t” and (P-P<sub>w</sub>) as “P”. Here, P<sub>w</sub> is a saturated water vapor pressure (kPa) at average temperature “t” at the time of the sample collection.

(Note 22) The used pump (sigma 300IIN) in this training will be shown corrected volume at 20°C 1atm. The formula in this case is shown lower.

$$C = (A_s - A_t) / V_{\text{sigma300IIN}} \dots \dots \dots \text{formula (4)}$$

Where

- C: mercury concentration in the atmosphere at 20°C (ng/m<sup>3</sup>)
- A<sub>s</sub>: mercury amount of the sample (ng)
- A<sub>t</sub>: travel blank value (ng)  
Operation blank value will be used if it is regarded as being equivalent to the travel blank value.
- V<sub>sigma300IIN</sub>: collected volume measured by the flow meter (m<sup>3</sup>)

# Concerns over Mercury Pollution in Asia

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## Minamata Disease and Hg Pollution

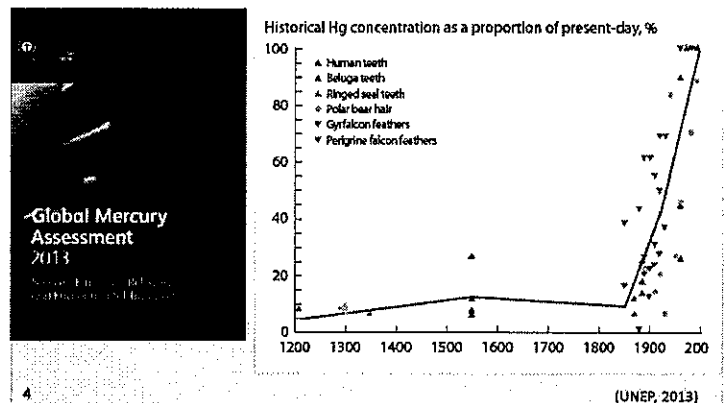
- Minamata disease, a neurological disease caused by severe Hg poisoning due to consumption of contaminated fish, was first discovered in Minamata, Japan in 1956.
- Hg-containing industrial wastewater discharge was the major Hg source to the fish in Minamata Bay.



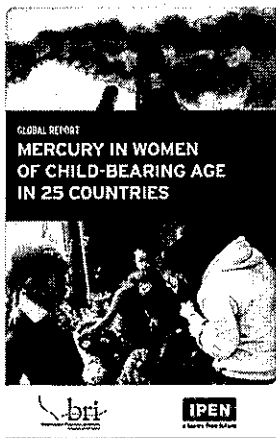
## Global Hg Pollution

- Mercury is still a pollutant of global concern.

## Why Is Mercury Still A Concern?

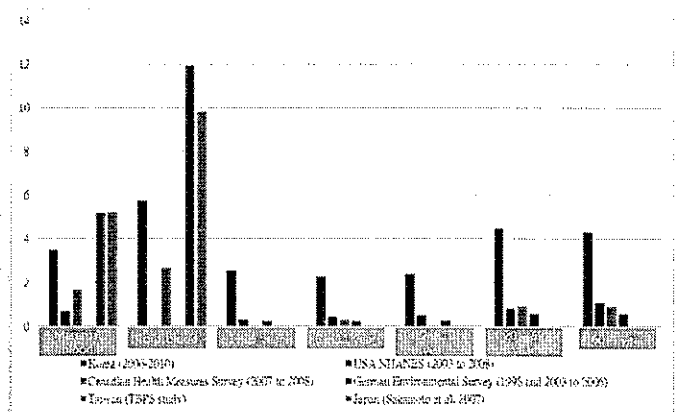


## Global Hg Pollution



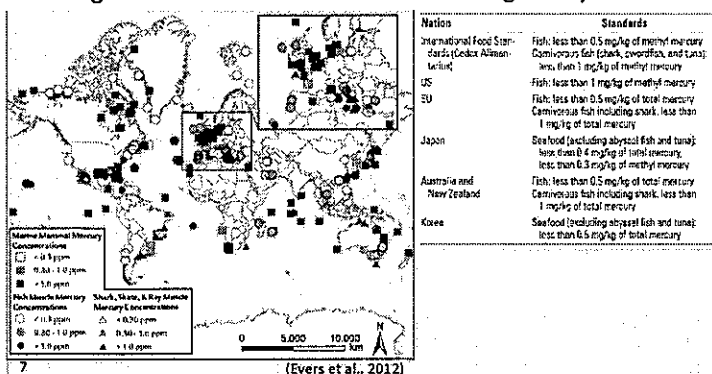
- KEY FINDINGS**
- 1044 women of child-bearing age from 25 countries participated in the study. 42% of them had mercury levels greater than 1 ppm – the level that approximately corresponds to the US EPA reference dose. 55% of the women had mercury levels greater than 0.50 ppm mercury, a more recent, science-based threshold based on data indicating harmful effects at lower levels of exposure. Mercury is a health threat to women and the developing fetus.
  - Women of the Pacific Islands have elevated mercury levels, likely due to a fish-rich diet. Distant air emissions of mercury from coal-fired power plants, cement kilns and other industries contaminate ocean fish that serve as a primary protein source for Pacific Islanders.
  - Artisanal small-scale gold mining results in high mercury body burdens in women from Indonesia, Kenya, and Myanmar. Two likely mercury exposure sources are burning mercury amalgam and eating contaminated fish.
  - Industrial mercury emissions contaminate local fish and elevate mercury levels in Thai women living nearby.
  - Indigenous women in Alaska have mercury levels of concern due to their subsistence diet of sea mammals and fish. Consumption of seals may be a key source of mercury exposure.
  - Women from locations in Albania, Chile, Nepal, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine have mercury levels of concern due to localized pollution of waterways and suspected fish contamination.
  - Women using mercury to gold plate statues in Nepal have elevated mercury levels.

## Blood Hg Concentration by Countries



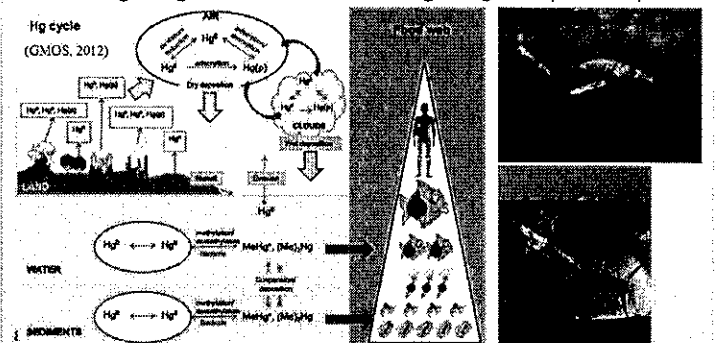
## Global Hg Pollution

- Fish consumption is the major exposure route of Hg to many people worldwide.
- Hg concentrations in fish are elevated globally.



## Global Hg Pollution

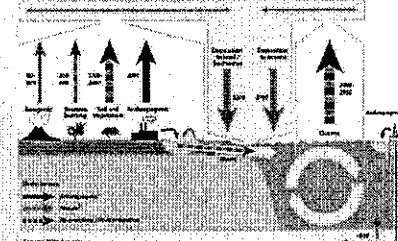
- Atmospheric deposition is the major source of Hg to many aquatic ecosystems.
- Once deposits from atmosphere, inorganic Hg can get methylated by bacteria to form MeHg then bioaccumulates through food chain, resulting in higher concentrations in large long-lived predatory fish.





# Atmospheric Mercury Cycling

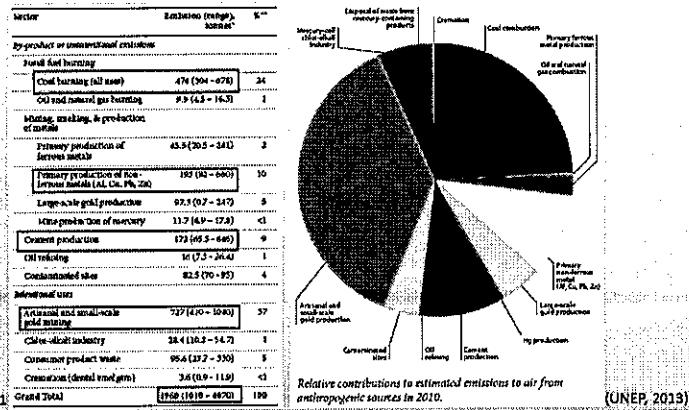
- ## Sources of Atmospheric Hg
- Natural emissions: mercury released from natural weathering of Hg-containing rocks or by geothermal activity. 80-600 Mg yr<sup>-1</sup> (about 10% of total)
  - Anthropogenic emissions: mercury released as a result of current human activities. 1960 Mg yr<sup>-1</sup> (about 30%)
  - Re-emissions: mercury released to the atmosphere that are derived from past natural and anthropogenic releases. 4000-6300 Mg yr<sup>-1</sup> (about 60%)



10 (UNEP, 2013)

## Anthropogenic Hg Emissions

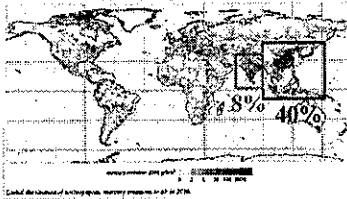
➤ Anthropogenic Hg emission is an important contributor to the Hg in the atmosphere.



Relative contributions to estimated emissions to air from anthropogenic sources in 2010. (UNEP, 2013)

## Concerns in Asia

## Anthropogenic Hg Emissions in 2010



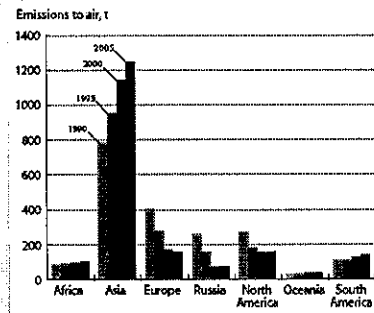
| Country     | Emission (tonnes) |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Bangladesh  | 1.4               |
| Cambodia    | 3.9               |
| China       | 575.2             |
| India       | 144.7             |
| Indonesia   | 78.2              |
| Japan       | 17.2              |
| Korea       | 7.1               |
| Laos        | 1.3               |
| Malaysia    | 6.1               |
| Mongolia    | 6.9               |
| Philippines | 33.1              |
| Singapore   | 0.9               |
| Sri Lanka   | 0.6               |
| Taiwan      | 5.5               |
| Thailand    | 14.9              |
| Vietnam     | 11.6              |

| Region*   | Emissions (range), tonnes** | %          |
|---|-----------------------------|------------|
| Australia, New Zealand & Oceania                                | 22.3 (5.4 - 52.7)           | 1.1        |
| Central America and the Caribbean                               | 47.2 (19.7 - 97.4)          | 2.4        |
| CIS & other European countries                                  | 113 (42.6 - 289)            | 5.9        |
| East and Southeast Asia   | 777 (395 - 1090)            | 39.7       |
| European Union (EU27)   | 87.3 (44.5 - 226)           | 4.5        |
| Middle Eastern States   | 37.0 (16.3 - 116)           | 1.9        |
| North Africa  | 11.6 (4.8 - 41.2)           | 0.7        |
| North America   | 46.7 (14.7 - 139)           | 2.1        |
| South America   | 245 (125 - 405)             | 12.5       |
| South Asia  | 134 (28.2 - 350)            | 7.9        |
| Sub-Saharan Africa  | 316 (188 - 514)             | 16.1       |
| Undeclared (global total for emissions from contaminated sites) | 82.5 (30 - 195.0)           | 4.2        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>1960 (1018 - 4620)</b>   | <b>100</b> |

(UNEP, 2013)

## Trends in Anthropogenic Hg Emissions

➤ Anthropogenic Hg emissions from Europe and North America are declining, whereas emissions from Asia are increasing.



Estimates of annual anthropogenic mercury emissions from different continents/regions, 1990-2005. (UNEP, 2013)

## Projections of Global Hg Emissions in 2050

➤ It is likely that Hg emission will increase in the future. The main driving force is the expansion of coal-burning electricity generation, especially in Asia.

### Projections of Global Mercury Emissions in 2050

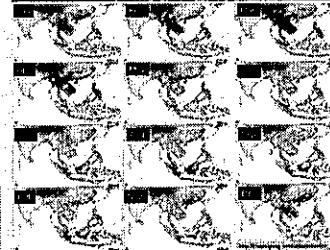
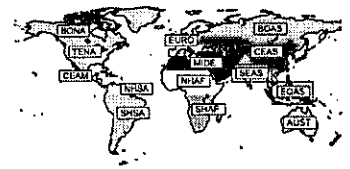
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TABLE 4. Mercury Emissions in 2050 by Scenario and World Region (Mg/yr)

| scenario | North America | Central and South America | Africa | Europe, Russia, Middle East | Asia and Oceania | world  |
|----------|---------------|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------|
| 2050 A1B | 225.9         | 473.6                     | 509.6  | 676.5                       | 2970.0           | 4855.6 |
| 2050 A2  | 239.1         | 415.6                     | 375.5  | 667.3                       | 2208.5           | 3905.9 |
| 2050 B1  | 121.9         | 340.4                     | 357.0  | 358.1                       | 1208.9           | 2386.2 |
| 2050 B2  | 131.3         | 331.2                     | 308.1  | 398.0                       | 1461.4           | 2629.9 |

(Streets et al., 2009)

## Biomass Burning Hg Emissions



| Region    | mean | SD* |
|-----------|------|-----|
| BOEA      | 22   | 16  |
| TENA      | 5    | 3   |
| CEAM      | 22   | 25  |
| NHSA      | 13   | 10  |
| SHSA      | 96   | 39  |
| EURO      | 2    | 1   |
| MIDE      | 0    | 0   |
| NHAF      | 83   | 0   |
| SHAF      | 58   | 7   |
| SOAS      | 99   | 82  |
| CEAS      | 7    | 2   |
| SEAS      | 57   | 25  |
| EQAS      | 192  | 210 |
| AUST      | 16   | 10  |
| global    | 675  | 740 |
| Down*     | 121  | 85  |
| TEMPORAL* | 9    | 2   |
| RCM*      | 545  | 224 |

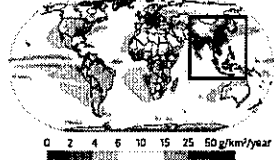
SEAS + EQAS = 249 Mg Hg/year = 37% of global biomass burning emission

# Distribution of Atmospheric Hg Concentrations and Deposition Fluxes: Modeling Results

a) Mean annual GEM conc. in 2013



b) Annual total Hg deposition in 2013



## Net Mercury Deposition

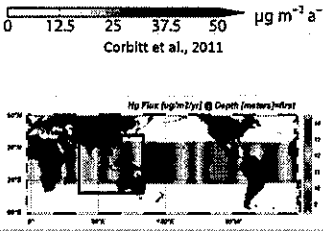
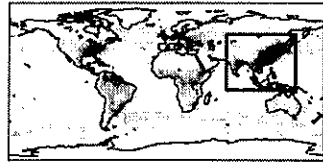
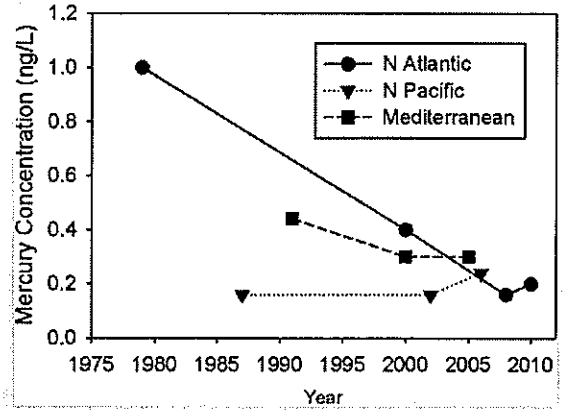


Figure 2. Global distribution of modeled mean annual GEM concentration in ambient air (a) and annual total mercury deposition (b) in 2013

AMAP/UNEP, 2015

Costa et al., 2012

# Trend in SW Hg Conc. in Surface Oceans



(Driscoll et al., 2013)

# Rising Hg Levels in the Pacific Tuna

## Mercury Levels in Hawaiian bigeye, yellowfin tuna rising

1 March 2013 by Jim Denison



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# International Actions

# Minamata Convention on Mercury

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- Minamata Convention on Mercury entered into force on August 16, 2017.



# Minamata Convention on Mercury

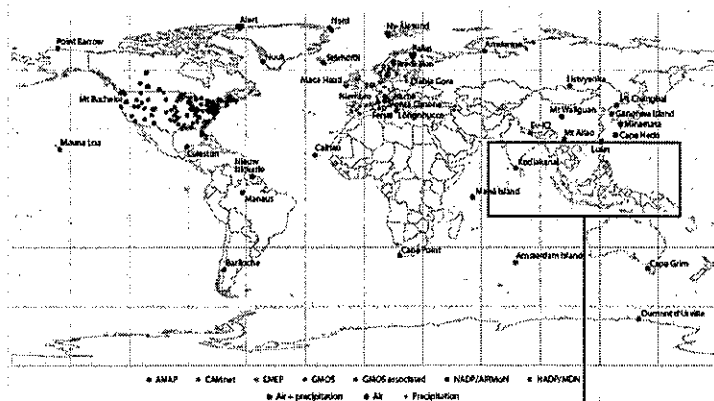
### Article 19 Research, development and monitoring

- Parties shall endeavour to cooperate to develop and improve, taking into account their respective circumstances and capabilities:
  - inventories of use, consumption, and anthropogenic emissions to air and releases to water and land of mercury and mercury compounds;
  - modelling and geographically representative monitoring of levels of mercury and mercury compounds in vulnerable populations and in environmental media, including biotic media such as fish, marine mammals, sea turtles and birds, as well as collaboration in the collection and a change of relevant and appropriate samples;
  - assessments of the impact of mercury and mercury compounds on human health and the environment, in addition to social, economic and cultural impacts, particularly in respect of vulnerable population;
  - harmonized methodologies for the activities undertaken under subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c);
  - information on the environmental cycle, transport (including long-range transport and deposition), transformation and fate of mercury and mercury compounds in a range of ecosystems, taking appropriate account of the distinction between anthropogenic and natural emissions and releases of mercury and of remobilization of mercury from historic deposits;
  - information on commerce and trade in mercury and mercury compounds and mercury-added products; and
  - information and research on the technical and economic availability of mercury free products and processes and on best available techniques and best environmental practices to reduce and monitor emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds.
- Parties should, where appropriate, build on existing monitoring networks and research programmes in undertaking the activities identified in paragraph 1.

### Article 22 Effectiveness evaluation

- The Conference of the Parties shall evaluate the effectiveness of this Convention, beginning no later than ten years after the date of entry into force of the Convention and periodically thereafter at intervals to be decided by it.
  - To facilitate the evaluation, the Conference of the Parties shall, at its first meeting, initiate the establishment of arrangements for providing itself with comparable monitoring data on the presence and movement of mercury and mercury compounds in the environment as well as trends in levels of mercury and mercury compounds observed in biotic media and vulnerable populations.
  - The evaluation shall be conducted on the basis of available scientific, environmental, technical, financial and economic information, including:
    - Reports and other monitoring information provided to the Conference of the Parties pursuant to paragraph 2;
    - Information and recommendations provided pursuant to Article 15; and
    - Relevant and other relevant information on the operation of the financial assistance, technology transfer and capacity-building arrangements put in place under this Convention.

# Atmospheric Hg Monitoring Worldwide



Currently, long-term or background atmospheric Hg monitoring activities in SE and S Asia are still lacking.

# Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network



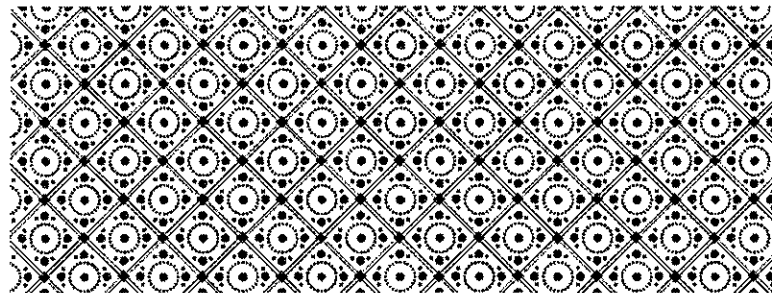
## Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network

Systematically monitor wet deposition and atmospheric concentrations of mercury in a network of stations throughout the Asia-Pacific region

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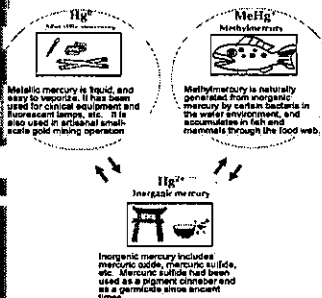
# MERCURY AND HEALTH

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## WHAT IS 'MERCURY' ?

Mercury has been widely used in our life. Mercury is roughly divided into three chemical forms: metallic mercury, inorganic mercury, and organic mercury (R-Hg<sup>2+</sup>, MeHg). Methylmercury (MeHg) is considered to be an exclusive organic mercury generated in the natural environment. The three chemical forms are inter-converted in the natural environment.

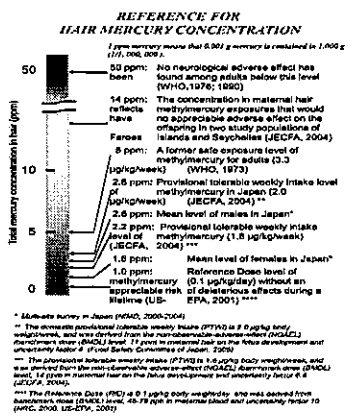


## WHAT IS MERCURY?

How mercury gets into the environment:

- Coal power plants
- Mercury-containing products
- Seafood

HG IN THE ENVIRONMENT



## MERCURY EXPOSURE IMPACTS HEALTH

HEALTH EFFECTS

- Energy consumption and emissions
- Use of toxic and hazardous substances and wastes
- Mercury level in wildlife (e.g., birds)
- The form of mercury that is most toxic to humans and wildlife
- Mercury levels in humans and wildlife
- The same applies to mercury levels from breast-feeding and blood plasma

### Table 1. The Major Global Sources of Mercury

| Source      | Mercury Type         | Regional Disposal Method | Methyl Mercury | Other Mercury   |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---|
| Health      | Metallic             | Coal                     | Coal           | Fluorinated polymers, stainless steel, dental amalgam |
| Large scale | Metallic             | Coal                     | Coal           | Fluorinated polymers, stainless steel, dental amalgam |
| Large scale | Methylmercury (MeHg) | Coal                     | Coal           | Fluorinated polymers, stainless steel, dental amalgam |
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Minamata Disease is a disorder of the CNS, kidneys, lungs and symptoms include sensory ataxia, muscle weakness, and visual disturbances. At the end of March 2004, 2,953 MD patients have been certified, of which 2,245 patients have been located on Yatsushiro Sea coast.

Mercury and children's development of health:

- Went to school
- Started to walk
- Started to talk
- Started to play
- Started to read
- Started to write
- Started to work
- Started to live

## PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM THE ENVIRONMENT

Environmental exposures start in the womb, and can have effects throughout life.

GROUPS

## WINDO W O D E V E L O P M E N T

Events that best predict start in your child's life. Most in your child's development.

Core Developmental Milestones of Filipino Children

## WINDO W O D E V E L O P M E N T

## WINDO W O D E V E L O P M E N T

## HEALTH EFFECTS OF HG

### SYMPTOMS AND SIGNS OF METALLIC Hg EXPOSURE

- Tremor
- Ataxia
- Coordination problems
- Excessive salivation
- Metallic taste
- Neurotoxicity
- Nephrotoxicity
- Teratogenicity: MeHg is a teratogen (Minamata disease)
- CVS: elevated risk of heart attack, hypertension
- Carcinogenicity: MeHg is a possible human carcinogen
- Mutagenicity: Hg seems not to be mutagen
- Reproduction: no clear evidence of effect
- Immunotoxicity: under scientific discussion

## MERCURY & ACRODYNYA

- Mothers often asymptomatic
- Microcephaly
- Cerebral palsy/spasticity
- Mental deficits
- Malformation of ears, heart, skeleton, eyes

## MERCURY & ACRODYNYA

### Uncommon syndrome "Pink disease":

- Pain in the extremities
- Pinkish discoloration and desquamation
- Hypertension
- Sweating
- Insomnia, irritability, apathy

### Considered as idiosyncratic reaction.

## MERCURY & ACRODYNYA

## HEALTH STUDIES ON MERCURY



### Integrated Surveillance of the Health and Environmental Impacts of Mercury Exposure in Gold Processing (Maramba, N. et al. 1998)

- 26% (60/230) of the workers use some form of protective device such as facial cover or masks, boots and gloves
- 47% (106/230) showed gray or focal deposits in the gingiva upon PE
- 16% (36/230) had decreased breath sounds
- 11% (24/230) had thyroid enlargement
- cross-sectional survey revealed that blood mercury levels were elevated in 13 of the workers examined
- Showed statistically significant association of blood mercury levels with the duration of work, eosinophil count and serum glutamic amino transferase

## SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Five out of 100 residents from Mt. Diwalwal are recommended to undergo further health examination, for possible detoxification.

These residents have blood mercury levels > 75 ug/ml (permissible limit: 15 ug/ml).

39 more residents with blood mercury levels > 15 ug/ml will also have to be examined.

39/92 (42.39%) persons examined have total hair mercury levels > NV of 4 ug/g.



## UPDATES

Mercury levels in hair, blood, fish, water, soil/sediment and water samples were analyzed at National Institute for Minamata Disease-Japan.

Samples were collected among 100 residents of the mining community in Mt. Diwalwal, Monkayo, Compostela Valley in collaboration with the regional and local health unit.



### Summary of Blood and Hair Total and Methylmercury Levels, Mt. Diwalwal, 2005

|       | 0.66 - 289.21 | 0.52 - 5.99 | 1.46 - 100% |
|-------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Range | 0.66 - 289.21 | 0.52 - 5.99 | 1.46 - 100% |

### MERCURY VAPOR\* LEVELS IN BARANGAY PALANAS, CAMARINES NORTE FEBRUARY 25, 2010

| Area  | (Hg levels, ng/m <sup>3</sup> )                  | Remarks  |
|---|--|--|
| Ambient environment (near the barangay hall, 4:55 pm) | 153 - 1282                                       | Outside the barangay hall  |
| Gold Processing Area - House 1                        | 7044 - 28,850                                    | Balimilling and panning operations   |
| Gold Processing Area - House 1                        | 50,000   | Blowtorching area; no activity was prevailing during the monitoring              |
| Gold Processing Area - House 2                        | 428 - 27,200                                     | Balimilling and panning operations   |
| Threshold Limit Value (TLV)                           | 50 ug/m <sup>3</sup> or 50,000 ng/m <sup>3</sup> | Occupational standards were exceeded in the workplace in the blowtorching area   |
| Ambient air monitoring residences, USEPA              | 200 ng/m <sup>3</sup>                            | Levels were exceeded in the households/residences where the monitoring was done. |

\* Air Monitoring using Lumex Mercury Vapor Analyzer

### RESULTS OF THE BLOOD MERCURY MONITORING, PARACALE, CAMARINES NORTE, 2010

| Name of Patient | Blood Mercury levels* (ug/L) | Remarks   |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1. NS           | 82.7                         | Elevated, blood Hg level<br>17 yo, 2mos as small-scale miner                |
| 2. RD           | 51.3                         | Elevated Hg blood level<br>53 yo, housewife, residence with SSGM operations |
| 3. VD           | 39.4                         | Elevated Hg blood level<br>51 yo, 20 years-oversee SSGM operation)          |
| 4. AA           | 36.4                         | Elevated Hg blood level<br>20 yo, 6 mos as small-scale miner                |
| 5. WT           | 35.9                         | Elevated Hg blood level<br>27 yo, 5 mos as small-scale miner                |
| 6. MV           | 23.1                         | Elevated Hg blood level<br>25 yo, 1 yr. as small-scale miner                |
| 7. AE           | 19.2                         | Elevated Hg blood level<br>16 yo, 2 yrs as small-scale miner                |
| 8. EO           | 18.6                         | Elevated Hg blood level<br>34 yo, 10 yrs as small-scale miner               |
| 9. PH           | 5.2                          | 50 yo, 20 years as small-scale miner  |
| 10. MD          | ND;DL=                       | 21  |

## HEALTH STUDIES ON MERCURY

### Health Impact of Mercury Among Small-scale Gold Miners in Camarines Norte (1991)

- 7 out of 99 (7%) were found to have elevated mercury blood levels
- 4 miners detoxified

### Health and Environmental Impact of Mercury Among Schoolchildren in Apokon, Davao del Norte (2000)

- Blood and hair samples from 162 schoolchildren aged 5-17 years were collected and analyzed at the NIMD
- Summary of physical examination results showed that predominant findings include underheight, gingival discoloration, adenopathy, underweight and dermatological abnormalities among children examined

## HEALTH STUDIES ON MERCURY

- **Mercury as a health hazard due to gold mining and Mineral processing activities in Mindanao/Philippines (UNIDO, 2001)**
- Clinical symptoms among those examined showed that a fair amount of workers from Diwalwal showed severe symptoms that could be very well related to the classical picture of mercury intoxication
- Symptoms include fatigue, tremor, memory problems, restlessness, loss of weight, metallic taste and sleeping disturbances
- Intentional tremor, mainly fine tremor of eye lids, lips and fingers, ataxia, hyperreflexia and sensory disturbances as well as bluish discoloration of the gums
- More than 70% (73 /102) of the occupationally-burdened population suffer from chronic mercury intoxication
- Higher percentage among amalgam smelters (85.4%)
- 1/3 of the non-occupationally burdened is intoxicated

## HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

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Samples were analyzed February-March, 2005

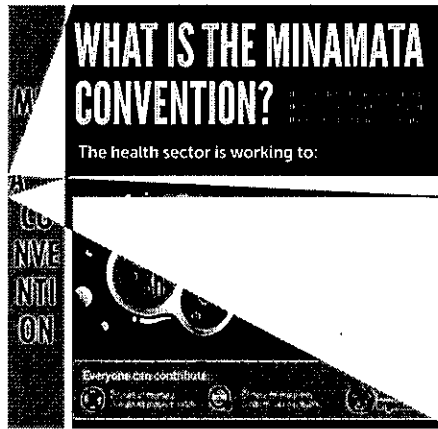
Split sampling analysis with the EOH Collaborating Center

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|       | Blood Total Mercury (ppm) | Hair Total Mercury (ppm) | Hair Methylmercury (%) |
|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Range | 0.66 - 289.21             | 0.52 - 5.99              | 1.46 - 100%            |

### SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

The results of the laboratory tests showed that inorganic/elemental mercury is the predominant mercury specie in the blood samples and this is indicative of the environmental and occupational exposure of residents to the small-scale gold mining operations in the area rather than their dietary intake from contaminated fish.



#### Highlights of operational articles

- Controls on all lifecycle stages of mercury covered by different articles of the Convention
- Controls on supply and on international trade in mercury (Article 3)
- Phase-out and phase-down for mercury use in products and processes (Articles 4, 5 and 6)
- Controls on artisanal and small scale gold mining (Article 7)
- Control measures on air emissions and releases to water (Articles 8 and 9)
- Storage, waste and contaminated sites (Article 10, 11 and 12)

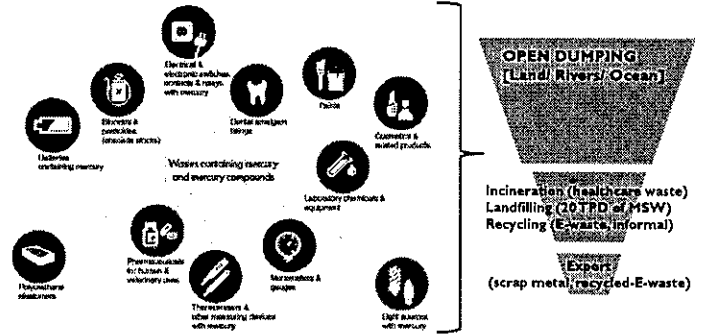


Partner and Stakeholder Updates from Sri Lanka  
 "The Need for Mercury Monitoring"

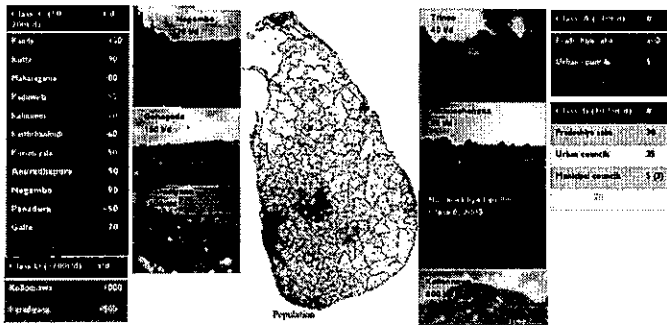
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PRESENT STATUS OF WASTE MANAGEMENT



MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE OPEN DUMPS

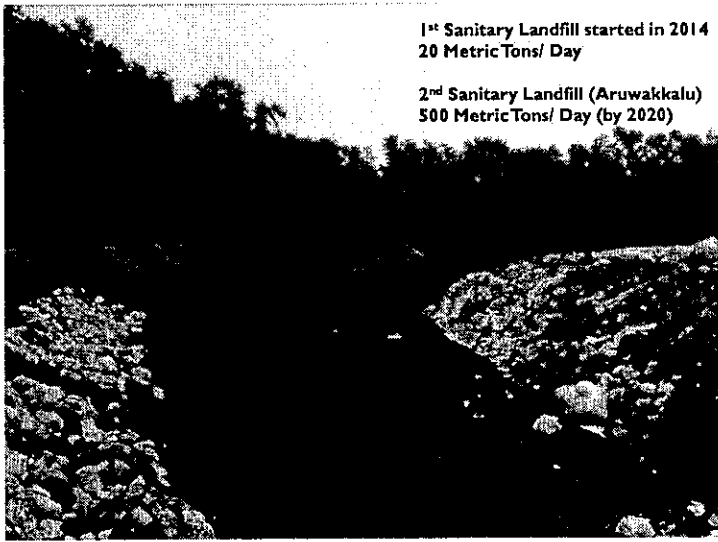


~ 300 dumpsites in the country



1<sup>st</sup> Sanitary Landfill started in 2014  
20 Metric Tons/ Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Sanitary Landfill (Aruwakkalu)  
500 Metric Tons/ Day (by 2020)



## RESEARCH, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

Table 1: Heavy metal concentrations in landfill leachate and the maximum tolerance limits of heavy metals. Values are in µg L<sup>-1</sup>.

| Sample                 | Cr   | Fe     | Ni   | Cu   | Zn    | As   | Se   | Cd  | Pb   |
|------------------------|------|--------|------|------|-------|------|------|-----|------|
| Matala                 | 345  | 60762  | 115  | 573  | 6876  | 522  | 1935 | 100 | 1777 |
| Hambantota             | 80   | 5341   | 226  | 166  | 19909 | 678  | 2522 | 172 | 492  |
| Kataragama             | 11   | 1117   | 89   | 58   | 638   | 106  | 400  | 50  | 123  |
| Bandargama             | 329  | 7167   | 912  | 227  | 5360  | 722  | 2607 | 90  | 479  |
| Kolonnawa              | 1968 | 346930 | 4473 | 55   | 11759 | 705  | 2443 | 15  | 421  |
| Gampola                | 220  | 5546   | 335  | 734  | 462   | 164  | 461  | 4   | 34   |
| Gohagoda               | 139  | 3004   | 331  | 334  | 389   | 148  | 465  | 1   | 19   |
| Wenappuwa              | 363  | 2501   | 399  | 431  | 409   | 939  | 2812 | 53  | 87   |
| Rathnapura             | 439  | 56343  | 1311 | 627  | 1685  | 1551 | 4922 | 52  | 168  |
| Negombo                | 330  | 20111  | 666  | 535  | 2062  | 846  | 2184 | 51  | 333  |
| Matala                 | 830  | 7328   | 571  | 464  | 500   | 1219 | 3705 | 48  | 60   |
| Galle                  | 486  | 15477  | 673  | 564  | 593   | 1796 | 5947 | 52  | 169  |
| Max. permissible level | 100  | 3000   | 3000 | 3000 | 5000  | 200  | 500  | 100 | 100  |

Mercury ?

## ISSUE & CHALLENGES

- 1) Insufficient infrastructure for MSW, Hazardous, Industrial waste management
  - ❖ Collection & Transport
  - ❖ Treatment, processing and
  - ❖ Disposal
- 2) Policy & Regulations
  - ❖ Gaps in monitoring and regulating (prioritization)
  - ❖ Implementation
- 3) Lack of Research and Development initiatives
  - ❖ Research and development infrastructure
  - ❖ Research funds
- 4) Knowledge / Awareness
  - ❖ Academics, researchers, administrators
  - ❖ Public

## WAY FORWARD: RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS



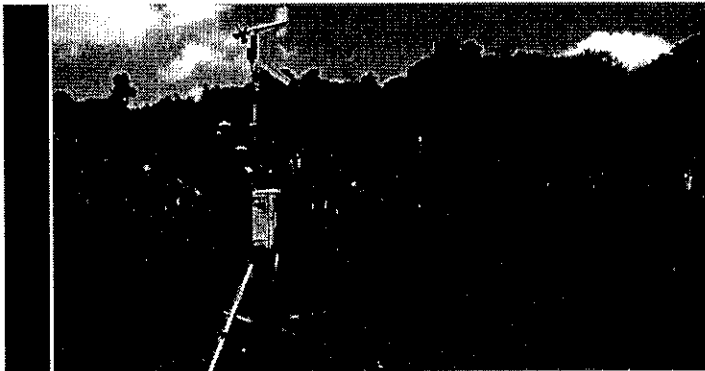
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR RESEARCH COLLABORATION ON INVESTIGATION OF MERCURY RELATED ISSUES AND  
MONITORING IN SRI LANKA  
BETWEEN  
MINISTRY OF MAHAWELE DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT, SRI LANKA  
AND  
UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA, SRI LANKA

This MOU made on March 2017, by and between Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment, Sri Lanka, whose address is 82, Sampath Paya, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, hereinafter referred to as "MoMD&E" and University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka whose address is University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya herein referred to as "University".

1. MoMD&E and University seek to enhance relations between institutes by developing Research Collaboration on investigation of mercury related issues and monitoring in Sri Lanka.
2. Within each institute's framework of the regulations applying in each institute, and subject to the availability of resources, the following programmes and activities will be encouraged:
  - Collaborative Study on Technical Needs of Mercury Management in Sri Lanka by MoMD&E and University

## 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP- WET DEPOSITION SAMPLING

- Establish "wet deposition collector" station at University of Peradeniya
  - Weather station (7°15'7.19"N 80°35'40.86"E) \*\*500 m above MSL

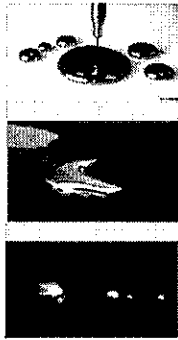


## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

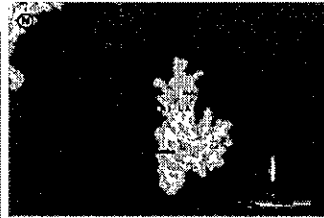
- Our Strength: Human resources, basic facilities, multidisciplinary & collaborative research
- Training Needs: Mercury Monitoring (for academics, researchers, technicians)
- Collaborative Research & Development: Policy & legislation formulation, environmental assessment, monitoring
- Knowledge & Technology Transfer: Recovery and recycling, alternative technologies
- Networking: APMMN

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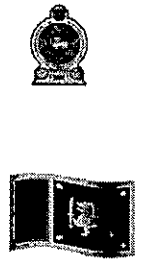




Sri Lanka  
Country Status



Land Area – 65,610 kms<sup>2</sup>  
Population – 20.9 million  
Capital – Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte  
Middle level income  
Literacy rate 92.2%  
Per Capita GDP – 3842 US\$  
Currency – Rupees (Rs)



Minamata  
Convention

Convention Details

- Date of Signature - 08-10-2014
- Date of Ratification - 19-06-2017(as 60<sup>th</sup> member country)

Mercury Initial Assessment (MIA) Project Details

- Date of Commence - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- Duration - 24 months

Sources of  
Mercury  
Emission  
in Sri Lanka

- Compact florescent lights and mercury vapor lights
- Thermometers, manometers, and sphygmomanometers
- Batteries
- Dental amalgams
- Some skin lightening creams
- Emissions from coal power plants
- Cement Industry

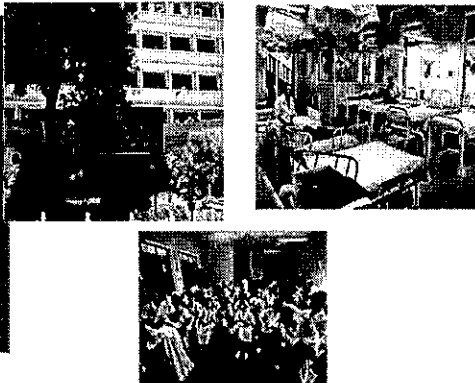
Current Status

- Mercury Initial Assessment – Health, Industry, Education sectors completed – pending validation and submission
- Institutional capacity needs identified
- Reviewed existing legislation. legal gaps identified
- Generated National Mercury Profile Report
- Conference Room Paper (CRP) submitted on Small scale jewelry sector – COP 1 ( Article 07)
- Conducted awareness programmes to minimize health and environmental impacts in education, health and industry sectors
- In the process of identifying new ( better) technologies to minimize health and environmental hazards caused due to mercury.

II Phase  
Mercury  
Management

- Agreement Signed with UNIDO to initiate Study on Small Scale jewelry sector ( 3000 jewelers)
- Objective :
- Improve their practices and introduced more environmental friendly alternatives and technologies

Health Sector



|   |     |
|---|-----|
| 1. National Hospital  | 01  |
| 2. Teaching Hospitals   | 20  |
| 3. Provincial General Hospitals   | 03  |
| 4. District General Hospitals   | 18  |
| 5. Base Hospital Type – A   | 22  |
| 6. Base Hospitals Type – B  | 46  |
| 7. Divisional Hospital type –A<br>( More than 100 patients beds)          | 42  |
| 8. Divisional Hospital Type –B<br>( Between 50 to 100 patients Beds)      | 129 |
| 9. Divisional Type – C<br>( Less than 50m patient Beds)                   | 322 |
| 10. Primary Medical Care Unit<br>(Central Dispensaries & Maternity Homes) | 474 |
| 11. Board Managed Hospitals   | 02  |
| 12. Special Hospitals   | 05  |

Private Hospitals -204,  
Laboratories 632,  
1880 Clinics,  
MOOH 330,  
12 universities

TOTAL 1084

## Actions taken to minimize emissions and environmental health impacts

### • Health Sector

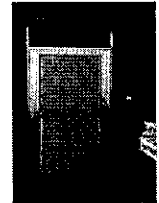
- Procurement of Mercury containing Blood Pressure Apparatus to Health Institutions banned
- Expects to phase out Dental Amalgum from 2019
- Mercury Separators procured for dental clinics
- CFL bulbs collected for recycling
- Mercury Spill Management trained.
- Relevant Circulars guidelines issued



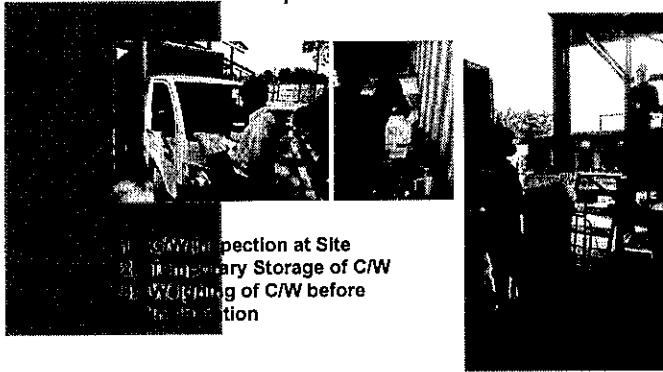
Blood Mercury Monitoring- Occupational Safety

Health Sector

## Mercury Usage

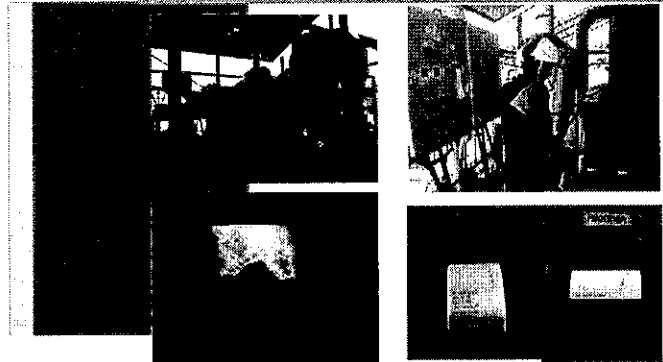


## Incinerator Operations

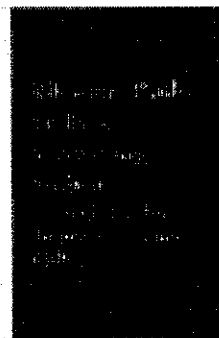
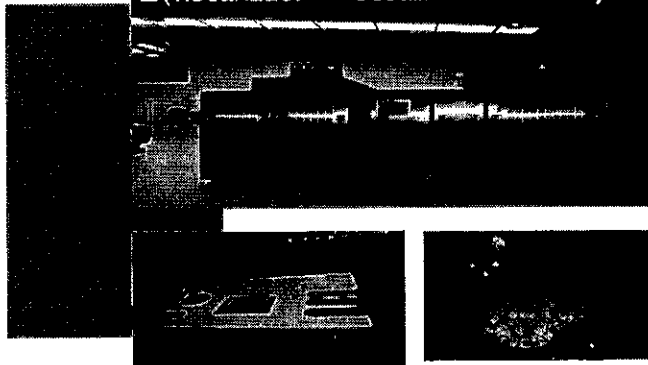


1. CWW inspection at Site
2. Temporary Storage of CW
3. Weighing of CW before incineration

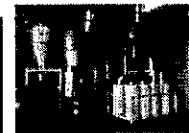
## Incineration of Clinical Waste – Sisili Hanaro



## □ (MetaMizer – Steam Sterilizer)



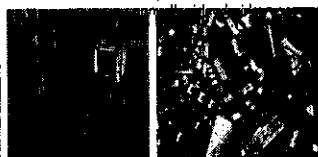
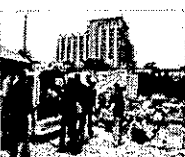
0.5 million disposed every month



## Electronic Waste Management



- Institutions collecting electronic waste are registered under Central Environmental Authority
- Around 4500 MT of e waste exported annually for recycling
- Drop off events carried out



| Cosmetic product                       | Sample No. | Level of Mercury(mg/kg) | Level of Lead (mg/kg) |
|--|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| GIN JIAOLI 10 WHITENING SR. RE2        | CB04       | 1506.52                 | <0.05                 |
| GIN JIAOLI 10 WHITENING SR. RE2        | CB04       | 1218.53                 | <0.05                 |
| PAI MEI WHITENING SPOT CREAM           | CB07       | 30167.66                | <0.05                 |
| CAIKE GINSENGWHITEN CREAM              | CB08       | 19699.1                 | <0.05                 |
| LOREAL WHITE PERFECT DAY               | CB12       | <0.02                   | <0.05                 |
| EMANI PAUK AND HANDSON                 | CB14       | <0.02                   | <0.05                 |
| FAIR N LOVELY FAIRNESS C.              | CB19       | <0.02                   | <0.05                 |
| THAI ROSE WHITENING CREAM              | CB23       | 1.17                    | <0.05                 |
| FAIRVEER FAIRNESS CREAM                | CB24       | 0.45                    | <0.05                 |
| EVE FAIRNESS                           | CB30       | 25.46                   | <0.05                 |
| VASELINE HELTHY WHITE (BCD3-45)        | CB31       | <0.02                   | <0.05                 |
| NATURE SECRETS MULBERRY FAIRNESS CREAM | CB32       | 1.92                    | <0.05                 |
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| VASELINE HELTHY WHITE (BCD3-48)        | CB34       | <0.02                   | <0.05                 |

## Actions Taken

- Ministry of Health Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine is responsible
- Cosmetic Devices and Drugs Act
- Standards are developed ( Consumer affairs Authority, Sri Lanka Standard Institute)
- Awareness creation

## Education Sector



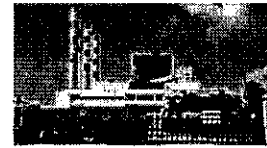
Around 20,000 schools/  
16 Govt. Universities

## Progress

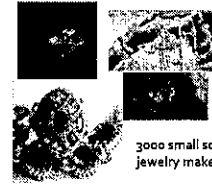
### Education Sector:

- Mercury procurement for laboratory purposes minimized

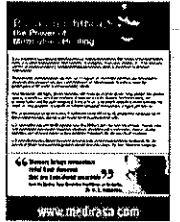
## Mercury Emissions/ Usage in Sri Lanka



Lakvijaya Coal Power Plant – Norocholai –  
300x3 MW (oa plant)



3000 small scale  
jewelry makers



Storage, Usage to be  
improved

## Fish

- Certain Species of Fish in Deep sea has been found contaminated with mercury
- Needs further Research

## Mercury Testing

- Blood
- Waste
- Waste water carried out ( Discharge standards available)

## Central Environmental Authority

### Air Quality Monitoring

- Regulator
- One station in Colombo
- Mobile Station
- Measures Air quality in other districts.

### Air Quality Regulations – Central Environmental Authority

Regulations published under the Gazette Notification No. 127/13 dated 30.05.2002

Order published under the Gazette Notification No. 130/12 dated 10.04.2003

Order published under the Gazette Notification No. 132/14 dated 04.02.2004

Regulations published under the Gazette Notification No. 156/17 dated 15.08.2004

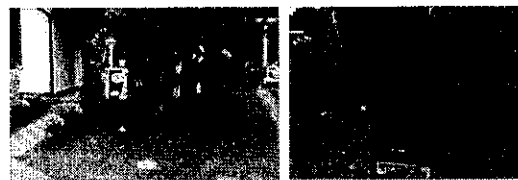
Amended Regulations published under the Gazette Notification No. 163/20 dated 05.11.2014 with the corrected Gazette Notification No. 139/14 dated 02.01.2015

The National Environmental (Ambient Air Quality) Regulations,

| Pollutant                              | Averaging Time* | Maximum Permissible Level |     | Method of measurement   |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|-----|---|
|  |                 | µgm-3                     | ppm |   |
| 1. Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ) | Annual          | 50                        | -   | Colorimetric using indanone Method or equivalent Gas phase dihaliminescence |
|  | 24 hrs.         | 100                       | -   |   |
| 2. Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )  | Annual          | 25                        | -   | Pararosaniline Method or equivalent Pulse Fluorescent                       |
|  | 24 hrs.         | 50                        | -   |   |
| 3. Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> )             | Annual          | -                         | 25  | Chemiluminescence Method or equivalent Ultraviolet photometric              |
|  | 24 hrs.         | -                         | 50  |   |
| 4. Carbon Monoxide (CO)                | Annual          | -                         | 10  | Non-Dispersive Infrared Spectroscopy*                                       |
|  | 24 hrs.         | -                         | 20  |   |

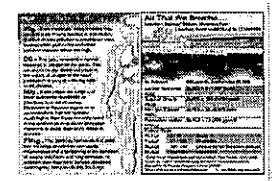
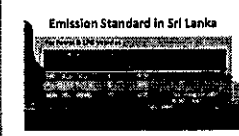
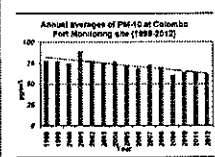
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|  | 8 hrs.          | 250                       | 0.08  |   |
| 2. Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )  | 24 hrs.         | 80                        | 0.03  | Pararosaniline Method or equivalent Pulse Fluorescent                       |
|  | 8 hrs.          | 120                       | 0.05  |   |
| 3. Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> )             | 1 hr.           | 200                       | 0.10  | Chemiluminescence Method or equivalent Ultraviolet photometric              |
|  | 8 hrs.          | 10,000                    | 5.00  |   |
| 4. Carbon Monoxide (CO)                | 1 hr.           | 30,000                    | 20.00 | Non-Dispersive Infrared Spectroscopy*                                       |
|  | 8 hrs.          | 10,000                    | 5.00  |   |

National Building Research Organization (NBRO)

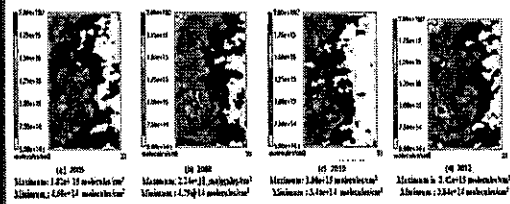


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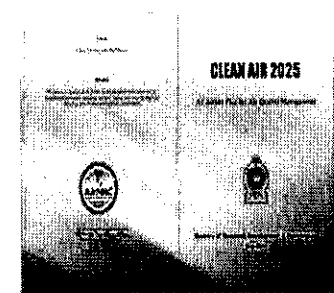
Activities



Satellite Images showing Air Pollution



Clean Air Action Plan



Vertical Forest garden



Stakeholders (BRSM Co-ordinating Committee)

- Science, Technology and Research
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Fisheries • Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- Ministry of Higher Education
- Ministry of Industry and Commerce
- Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils
- Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment
- Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy •
- Central Environment Authority
- Centre for Environmental Justice • Consumer Affairs Authority
- Coordinating Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation
- Cosmetic Devices and Drugs Regulatory Authority • Dental Institute
- Department of Meteorology • Faculty of Chemical and Process Engineering, University of Moratuwa
- Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute
- Import and Export Control Department
- Industrial Development Board of Ceylon
- Industrial Technology Institute

## Stakeholders

- Institute of Indigenous Medicine
- Institute of Oral Health
- Marine Environmental Protection Authority
- National Aquatic Resource Authority (NARA)
- National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NAARA)
- National Cleaner Production Centre • National Engineering Research and Development Centre of Sri Lanka
- National Gem and Jewellery Authority
- Post Graduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya
- Sri Lanka Customs
- Sri Lanka Standards Institution
- Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority

## Issues

- Lack of Mercury Disposal Facility
- Lack of emission standards for Mercury
- Alternative Technology

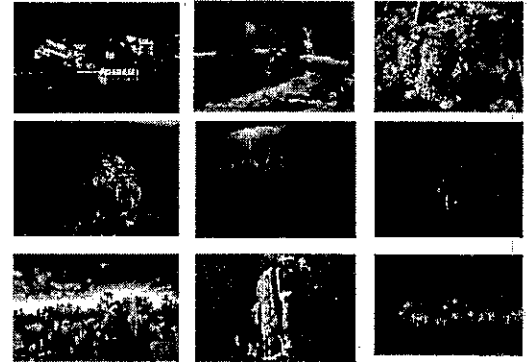
## Atmospheric Mercury Monitoring

- Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network (APPMN)  
APPMN has supported Sri Lanka in providing 03 Mercury Monitoring Machines. ( Wet Deposition Sampler)
- Already 01 machine received

The four Institutions identified are

- Central Environmental Authority (CEA)
- National Building Research Organization (NBRO)
- Department of Meteorology
- University of Peradeniya

## Thank You



Dr Anuruddha  
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Way  
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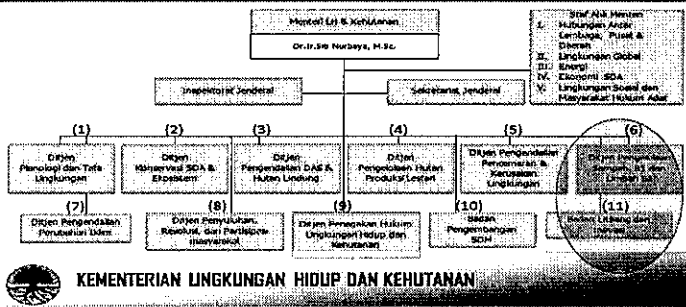
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# UPDATE YEAR 2018: MERCURY MONITORING IN INDONESIA

## INTRODUCTION

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## STRUKTUR ORGANISASI KEMENTERIAN LINGKUNGAN HIDUP & KEHUTANAN



## OUTLINE

- Background
- Current status
- Progress Data
- Next Step

# BACKGROUND

## Monitoring History of MoEF Indonesia

1994-1995: Monitoring mercury in soil and surface water samples in the AsGM hotspot area.

1997-2000: Monitoring mercury in soil and surface water samples in the AsGM hotspot area.

2006-2008: Monitoring mercury in soil and surface water samples in the AsGM hotspot area.

Monitoring activities running under the coordination from Hazardous Toxic Substance Management Department MoEF

- Mercury Monitoring in ASGM Hotspot for soil and surface water sample (2012 – 2014)
- Mercury Monitoring in Energy Sector for coal, fly ash, bottom ash and emission source in 2017 (UNEP Project with MoEF)

## Mercury Monitoring in ASGM Hotspot (conducted by MEMR, MoH, MoEF) (2012)

| No | Lokasi                                   | River | Sludge      | Clean Water | Ambient    | Fish       |
|----|--|-------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
|    |  |       |             |             |            |            |
| 1  | South Solok District, West Sumatera      | KESDM | 0,002 mg/kg | 0,002 mg/L  | 0,002 mg/L | 0,40 mg/kg |
| 2  | West Lombok District, West Nusa Tenggara | KESDM | 0,002 mg/kg | 0,13 mg/kg  | 0,001 mg/L | 0,40 mg/kg |
| 3  | Belang Mangrove District, North Sulawesi | KESDM | 0,002 mg/kg | 0,13 mg/kg  | 0,001 mg/L | 0,40 mg/kg |
| 4  | Julu City, Central Sulawesi              | KESDM | 0,002 mg/kg | 0,13 mg/kg  | 0,001 mg/L | 0,40 mg/kg |
| 5  | Eastmataya District, West Java           | KESDM | 0,002 mg/kg | 0,13 mg/kg  | 0,001 mg/L | 0,40 mg/kg |
| 6  | Aceh Jaya District, Aceh                 | KLM   |             |             |            |            |
| 7  | Dharmasraya District, West Sumatera      | KLM   |             |             |            |            |
| 8  | Pulangpaya District, Central Kalimantan  | KLM   |             |             |            |            |
| 9  | Banyuwangi District, East Java           | KLM   |             |             |            |            |
| 10 | Minahata District, North Sulawesi        | KLM   |             |             |            |            |
| 11 | Banyuwangi District, Central Java        | KLM   |             |             |            |            |
| 12 | Labak District, Banten                   | KLM   |             |             |            |            |

Standards:  
 - River Water: Government Regulation No. 82 Year 2001  
 - Clean Water: Ministry of Health Regulation No. 418 Year 1990  
 - Soil: Provisional Standards for Mercury in Fish (Justification for Ministry of Health and Welfare, Japan in July of 1971)  
 - Sediment: Canadian Sediment Quality Guidelines for Threshold Effect Level (TEL)  
 - Salt: Canadian Salt Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Environment and Human Health (Presidential/Parliament)

## Mercury Monitoring in ASGM Hotspot (conducted by MEMR, MoH, MOEF) (2013)

| No | Lokasi                                     | River          | Sedg           | Clean Water     | Ambient      | Soil          | Fish           |
|----|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
|    |  | BM: 0,002 mg/L | BM: 0,13 mg/Kg | BM: 0,001 mg/dl | BM: -        | BM: 0,6 mg/Kg | BM: 0,40 mg/Kg |
| 1  | South Selay District, West Sumatera        | KESDM          |                |                 |              |               |                |
| 2  | West Lombok District, West Nusa Tenggara   | KESDM          |                |                 |              |               |                |
| 3  | Bolaang Mangondow District, North Sulawesi | KESDM          |                |                 |              |               |                |
| 4  | Paku City, Central Sulawesi                | KESDM          |                |                 |              |               |                |
| 5  | Trusmi District, West Java                 | KESDM          |                |                 |              |               |                |
| 6  | Aceh Jaya District, Aceh                   | KLH            | 4,019 mg/Kg    |                 | 10,118 mg/Kg |               |                |
| 7  | Dharmasraya District, West Sumatera        | KLH            | 86,669 mg/Kg   |                 |              |               |                |
| 8  | Palangkaraya District, Central Kalimantan  | KLH            |                |                 |              |               |                |
| 9  | Palangkaraya District, Central Kalimantan  | KLH            |                |                 |              |               |                |
| 10 | Banyuwangi District, East Java             | KLH            | 0,001 mg/L     |                 |              |               |                |
| 11 | Minahassa District, North Sulawesi         | KLH            |                |                 |              |               |                |
| 12 | Banyuwangi District, Central Java          | KLH            |                |                 |              |               |                |
| 13 | Lebak District, Banten                     | KLH            |                |                 |              |               |                |

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 - Soil :  
 - Canadian Soil Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Environment and Human Health (Residential/Parkland)

Legend:  
 [Green] Samples below the quality standard  
 [Red] Samples over the quality standard  
 [Grey] Sample not taken

## Mercury Monitoring in ASGM Hotspot (conducted by MEMR, MoH, MOEF) (2014)

| No | Lokasi                                     | River          | Sedg           | Clean Water     | Ambient | Soil          | Fish           |
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| 8  | Palangkaraya District, Central Kalimantan  | KLH            |                |                 |         |               |                |
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| 10 | Banyuwangi District, East Java             | KLH            |                |                 |         |               |                |
| 11 | Minahassa District, North Sulawesi         | KLH            |                |                 |         |               |                |
| 12 | Banyuwangi District, Central Java          | KLH            | 0,0029 mg/L    | 0,002 mg/dl     |         |               |                |
| 13 | Lebak District, Banten                     | KLH            |                |                 |         |               | 5,10 mg/Kg     |

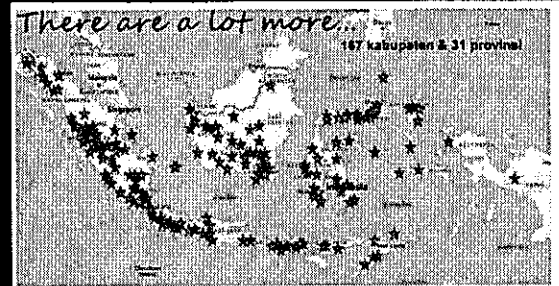
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## MERCURY MEASUREMENT FROM POWER PLANT (concentration in µg/M<sup>3</sup>)

| No | UNIT           | ASTM METHOD D6784 | USEPA METHOD 29 |
|----|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1  | SURALAYA CPPP  | 1.07              | 1.00            |
| 2  | CIREBON CPPP   | 0.60              | 0.57            |
| 3  | INDRAMAYU CPPP | 3.02              | 2.93            |

SOURCE: PERKUPA SOUTH EAST ASIA, MERKUR, FEBRUARI 2017



Gambar 1.1 Peta Sebaran Pemerintahan Esas Skala Kecil di Indonesia (Sumber: Kementerian ESDM, 2017)

## CURRENT STATUS

## INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT

- Indonesia ratified Minamata Convention through Law No 11 year 2017;
- Indonesia established National Action Plan under President Regulation that would be applied later this year;
- Indonesia established Ministry Decree No 340 year 2018 about Committee for Research and Monitoring on Mercury;
- Pilot Project Plan for Non Mercury Gold Processing in Lebak West Java.

## Wet Deposition Sampler for Mercury in Rain Water in East Jakarta Station



Regular sampling done by Hazardous and Toxic Substance Management Department MOEF

## Proposed EMC Station at Serpong Banten

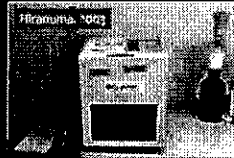




## RESOURCES

Environmental Management Center

Alat uji Hg seri 1993



## MONITORING ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Sampling for Total Mercury in Suburbs West Java in February 2018



## Mercury Concentration in Indonesia

Sampling for Total Mercury in Suburbs West Java in February 2018

| No | Location         | Total Mercury Concentration |                 |              |                   |
|----|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
|    |                  | Water (mg/L)                | Sedimen (mg/Kg) | Soil (mg/Kg) | Paddy (mg/Kg)     |
| 1  | Ds.Cicadas       | < 0,00005                   | 17 <sup>a</sup> | 1,8          | < 0,03            |
| 2  | Ds.Langkop       |                             |                 |              |                   |
| 3  | Ds.Pasir Baru    | < 0,00005                   |                 | 0,038        |                   |
|    | Quality Standard | 0,002 <sup>a</sup>          | 75 <sup>b</sup> |              | 0,03 <sup>d</sup> |

Source: P3HL-KLHK 2018

## Mercury Concentration in Indonesia

Sampling for Total Mercury in Suburbs West Java in February 2018

| No | Location         | Total Mercury Concentration |                        |               |                   |
|----|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
|    |                  | Air (mg/L)                  | Sedimen/lumpur (mg/Kg) | Tanah (mg/Kg) | Padat (mg/Kg)     |
| 1  | Ds.Cilanlung     | < 0,00005                   | 101                    | 0,58          |                   |
| 2  | Ds.Laji          | < 0,00005                   |                        | 0,036         | < 0,03            |
|    | Quality Standard | 0,002 <sup>a</sup>          | 75 <sup>b</sup>        |               | 0,03 <sup>d</sup> |

Source: P3HL-KLHK 2018

## Mercury Concentration in Man Hair

Sampling for Total Mercury in Suburbs West Java in February 2018

| No | Nama             | Usia     | Lokasi        | Pekerjaan  | Konsentrasi T-Hg (mg/Kg) | Standar normal WHO |
|----|------------------|----------|---------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Pak Pitro        | 38 tahun | Ds.Sukarame   | Pemilik gundungan  | 2,4                      | 1-2 mg/Kg          |
| 2  | Pak Ima          | 50 tahun | Ds.Cicadas    | Karyawan kantor kecamatan, tetapi pernah bekerja tambang selama 20 tahun | 3,4                      |                    |
| 3  | Pak Beni         | 29 tahun | Ds.Pasir Baru | Pekerja tambang  | 2,4                      |                    |
| 4  | Pak Sumandor     | 43 tahun | Ds.Sukarame   | Supir  | 3,4                      |                    |
| 5  | Pak Moedih       | 40 tahun | Ds.Pasir Baru | Petani   | 5,02                     |                    |
| 6  | Fadhil (suspect) | 10 tahun | Ds.Pasir Baru | Pelajar SD   | 2,8                      |                    |

Source: P3HL-KLHK 2018

## Mercury Concentration in Woman Hair

Sampling for Total Mercury in Suburbs West Java in February 2018

| No | Nama                      | Usia     | Lokasi        | Pekerjaan                  | Konsentrasi T-Hg (mg/Kg) | Standar normal WHO |
|----|---------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Bu Juceni                 | 52 tahun | Ds.Cicadas    | Ibu rumah tangga           | 2,8                      |                    |
| 2  | Bu neng                   | 37 tahun | Ds.Cicadas    | Ibu rumah tangga           | 5,8                      | 1-2 mg/Kg          |
| 3  | Bu yayah (siti Pak Pitro) | 36 tahun | Ds.Sukarame   | Ikut bekerja bersama suami | 17                       |                    |
| 4  | Bu Eny                    | 37 tahun | Ds.Sukarame   | Ibu rumah tangga           | 12                       |                    |
| 5  | Bu Euis                   | 39 tahun | Ds.Sukarame   | Ibu rumah tangga           | 12                       |                    |
| 6  | Amra                      | 6 tahun  | Ds.Sukarame   | Pelajar SD                 | 4,5                      |                    |
| 7  | Bu Rini (bu fadhil)       | 35 tahun | Ds.Pasir Baru | Ibu rumah tangga           | 7,7                      |                    |

Source: P3HL-KLHK 2018

## Mercury Concentration in Woman Hair

Sampling for Total Mercury in Suburbs West Java in February 2018

| No | Nama       | Usia     | Pekerjaan     | Konsentrasi T-Hg (mg/Kg) | Standar normal WHO |
|----|------------|----------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Bu pampur  | 47 tahun | Stone Crusher | 4,2                      | 1-2 mg/Kg          |
| 2  | Bu ningsih | 45 tahun | Stone Crusher | 2,2                      |                    |
| 3  | Bu Sari    | 50 tahun | Stone Crusher | 1,3                      |                    |

Source: P3HL-KLHK 2018

## Mercury Concentration in Paddy

Sampling for Total Mercury in Suburbs West Java in February 2018

| No. | Lokasi     | Konsentrasi T-Hg |                   |
|-----|------------|------------------|-------------------|
|     |            | Padat (mg/Kg)    | Baku Mutu (mg/Kg) |
| 1   | Ds.waluran | 0,14             | 0,03 <sup>a</sup> |

Source: P3HL-KLHK 2018

# Mercury Concentration in Fish

Salah satu hasil dari studi tentang Kualitas Lingkungan Hidup di Kabupaten Bekasi, Jawa Barat

| No | Nama Ikan        | Konsentrasi T-Hg (mg/Kg) | Baku Mutu* |
|----|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1  | Ikan gendongan   | 0,13                     | 0,5 mg/Kg  |
| 2  | Ikan ekor kuning | 0,064                    |            |
| 3  | Ikan tunda       | < 0,03                   |            |
| 4  | Ikan kembung     | 0,27                     |            |

Sumber: ESKL tahun 2018

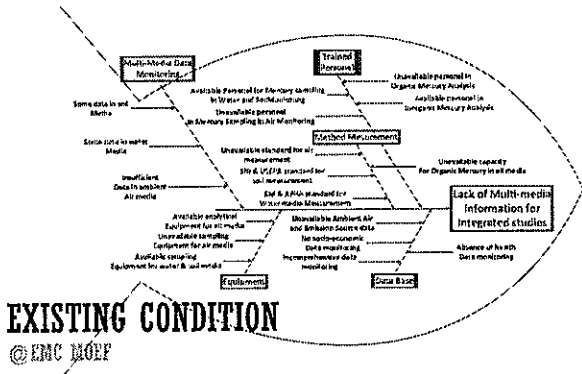
# SAMPLING WITH IDEA CONSULTANTS

Sampling in Land Fill at Bantar Gebang Bekasi West Java July 2018



## PROGRESS AND REVIEW APMMN PROJECT IN INDONESIA

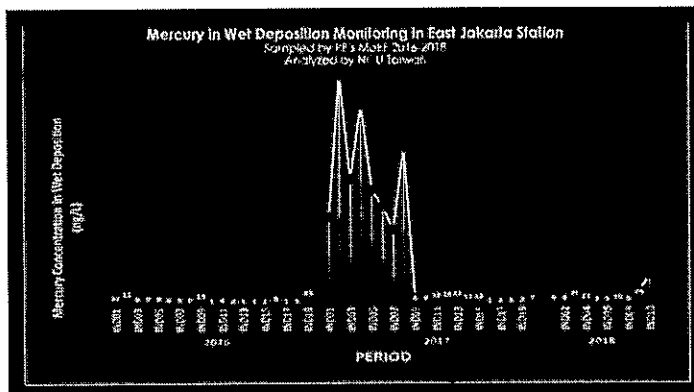
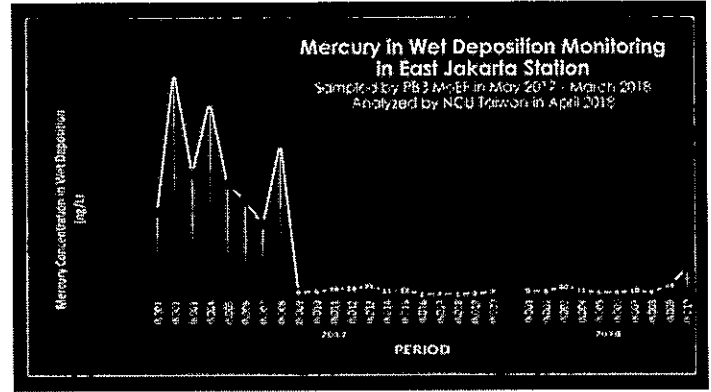
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Sampel air di PB 3 - KLHP 2017



## DATA EVALUATION

The presumption for high concentration data:

1. Sample contamination due to handling and exceeding holding time
2. Construction close to the sampling site, by means of mixing cement with fly ash (special permit)

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## Progress on atmospheric and wet deposition mercury monitoring in Thailand

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Department of Environmental Quality  
Promotion

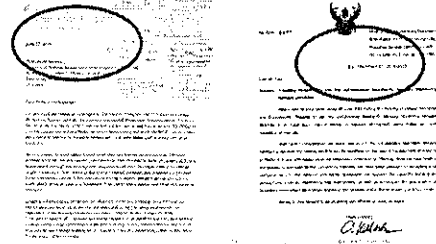
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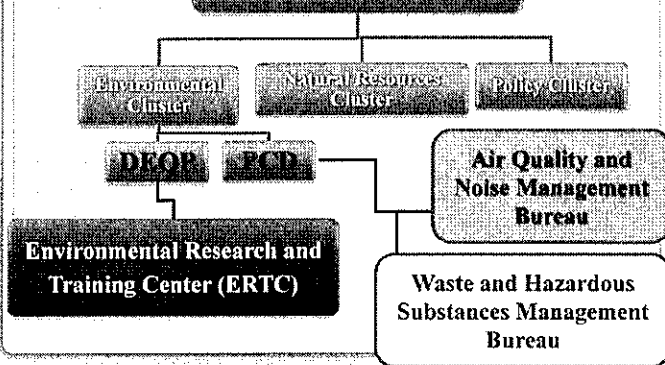
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment,  
Thailand

## APMMN is supportive network for Minamata Convention on Mercury

Thailand has officially collaborated with APMMN since 26 November 2015 by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE)



### Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment



- Pollution Control Department (PCD)
  - Air Quality and Noise Management Bureau: “Air Quality Monitoring”
  - Waste and Hazardous Substances Management Bureau: “Minamata Convention”
- Department of Environmental Quality Promotion (DEQP)
  - ERTC: “Research & Development”

## Participation in the APMMN Meetings



The 5<sup>th</sup> APMMN Meeting in Bangkok  
2016

The 6<sup>th</sup> APMMN Meeting in Taiwan  
2017

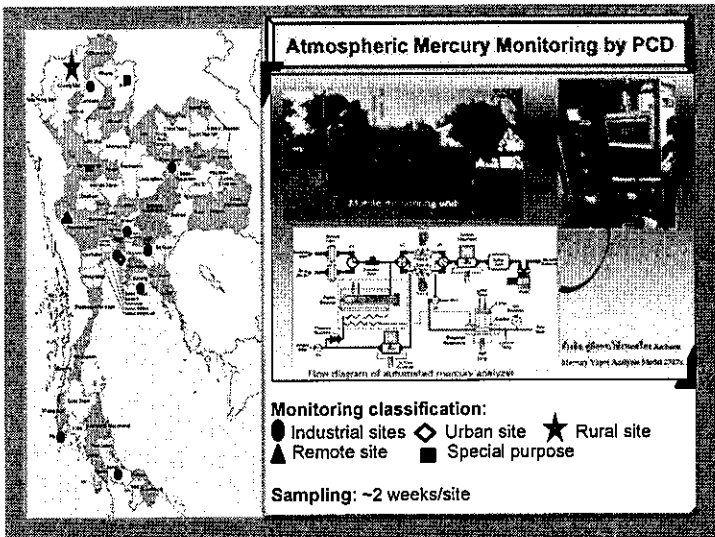
## APMMN is supportive network for Minamata Convention on Mercury

- Thailand ratified MC since 23 June 2017. We are the 66<sup>th</sup> country.
- Since 2012, MONRE continuously progress the capability on atmospheric and wet deposition mercury measurement through monitoring and research.

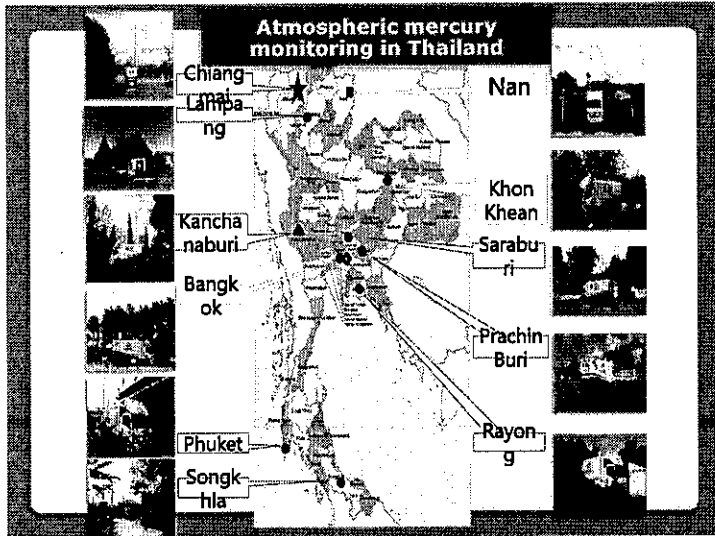
## Progress in atmospheric mercury monitoring

In Thailand, we have two methods to monitor atmospheric mercury:

1. Automatic method: PCD use TEKRAN model 2537X
2. Gold amalgam tube method: ERTC use Mercury Analyzer (NIC WA-5F) and US.EPA IO-5 method as guideline.



- Establish a baseline of ambient mercury level in Thailand,
- Provide the basis for the long term monitoring station,
- Evaluate long term atmospheric mercury trend from which to formulate policy,
- Report atmospheric mercury situation to the public,
- Support further implementation of the Minamata Convention in the future.



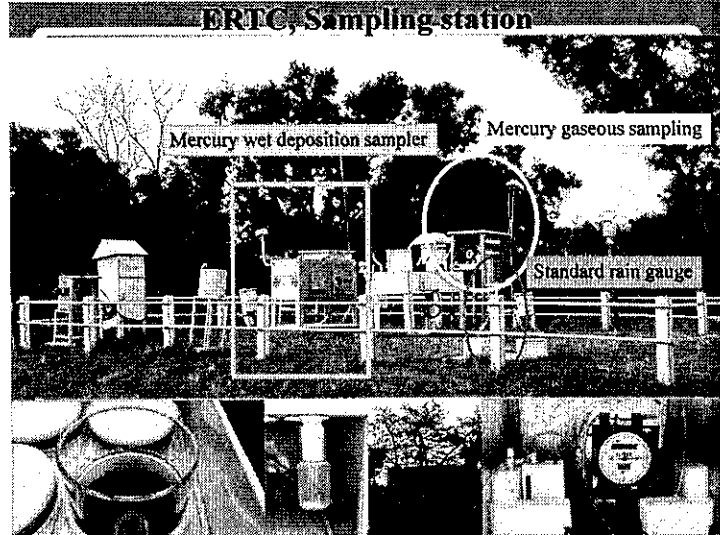
| Location (near industrial sources)  | Sampling                   | Total Gaseous Mercury (TGM) 1-hr avg. (ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) |      |        |      |       |      |
|---|----------------------------|--|------|--------|------|-------|------|
|   |                            | Sample size  | Min. | Median | Mean | SD    |      |
| <b>I. Industrial sites (hot-spot sites)</b>   |                            |  |      |        |      |       |      |
| <b>1. Prachin Buri (sub-bituminous coal-biomass power plant, pulp and paper industry)</b>           |                            |  |      |        |      |       |      |
| - Wat Lang Tham, Si Maha Phot   | 18 Nov. - 1 Dec. 2014      | 398  | 1.24 | 2.16   | 2.27 | 4.42  | 0.66 |
| - Wat Lang Tham, Si Maha Phot   | 6 - 25 Jan. 2018           | 402  | 0.91 | 2.5    | 3.2  | 14.76 | 2.22 |
| - Wat Bu Yai Bai, Si Maha Phot  | 13 Jan. - 13 Feb. 2017     | 735  | 1.48 | 2.13   | 2.29 | 6.03  | 0.54 |
| - Wat Bu Yai Bai, Si Maha Phot  | 20 Dec. 2017 - 4 Jan. 2018 | 369  | 1.43 | 2.63   | 2.71 | 4.72  | 0.62 |
| <b>2. Rayong</b>  |                            |  |      |        |      |       |      |
| - Ban Nong chok Health Promoting Hospital, Amphoe Muang (refinery)                                  | 2 - 25 Dec. 2014           | 531  | 1.12 | 2.95   | 3.08 | 9.26  | 0.98 |
| - Herb Garden Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Nikhom Phatthana (gas separation plant, power plant) | 16 Feb. - 8 Mar. 2017      | 483  | 1.25 | 2.02   | 2.02 | 3.57  | 0.36 |
| - Wat Pluak Ket, Amphoe Muang (refinery)  | 17 Dec. 2015 - 4 Jan. 2016 | 412  | 0.72 | 1.91   | 1.94 | 8.02  | 0.92 |
| - Wat Pluak Ket, Amphoe Muang (refinery)  | 7 - 28 Jan. 2016           | 492  | 0.78 | 1.48   | 1.53 | 2.91  | 0.34 |
|   |                            | 337  | 0.66 | 1.59   | 1.69 | 3.04  | 0.38 |

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|   |                        | Sample size  | Min. | Median | Mean | SD    |      |
| <b>3. Lampang (coal-fired power plant)</b>              |                        |  |      |        |      |       |      |
| - Wat Hang Hung Sathabam, Mae Moh                       | 14 Jan. - 17 Feb. 2015 | 790  | 0.83 | 1.45   | 1.57 | 8.23  | 0.57 |
| - Wat Hang Hung Sathabam, Mae Moh                       | 15 Aug. - 13 Sep. 2015 | 651  | 0.56 | 0.88   | 0.99 | 3.01  | 0.28 |
| <b>4. Saraburi (cement clinker production facility)</b> |                        |  |      |        |      |       |      |
| - Wat Phu Krang, Phraputthabath                         | 2 - 20 Nov. 2016       | 413  | 1.39 | 2.44   | 2.43 | 7.67  | 0.71 |
| - Wat Tham Mongkut, Phraputthabath                      | 22 Nov. - 6 Dec. 2016  | 344  | 1.15 | 2.44   | 2.34 | 3.68  | 0.51 |
| <b>5. Songkhla (waste incineration facility)</b>        |                        |  |      |        |      |       |      |
| - Baansuan Isean, Hat Yai                               | 23 Apr. - 1 May 2015   | 206  | 0.90 | 1.81   | 1.92 | 2.97  | 0.46 |
| - Baansuan Isean, Hat Yai                               | 11 - 23 May 2016       | 298  | 0.36 | 1.33   | 1.39 | 4.42  | 0.52 |
| <b>6. Phuket (waste incineration facility)</b>          |                        |  |      |        |      |       |      |
| - Regional Environment Office 15, Amphoe Muang          | 4 - 12 May 2015        | 207  | 0.42 | 0.79   | 1.15 | 3.70  | 0.72 |
| - Regional Environment Office 15, Amphoe Muang          | 26 May - 7 Jun. 2016   | 288  | 0.73 | 1.5    | 1.87 | 5.37  | 0.90 |
| <b>7. Khon Kaen (waste incineration facility)</b>       |                        |  |      |        |      |       |      |
| - Khonkaewittayayon school, Amphoe Muang                | 16 - 25 May 2017       | 218  | 0.82 | 1.62   | 1.67 | 4.96  | 0.43 |
| - Khonkaewittayayon school, Amphoe Muang                | 25 Aug. - 4 Sep. 2017  | 253  | 1.04 | 1.24   | 1.26 | 2.8   | 0.17 |
| <b>8. Bangkok (waste incineration facility)</b>         |                        |  |      |        |      |       |      |
| - Surasat Wilaod Nongkhaem School                       | 3 - 9 May. 2017        | 162  | 0.9  | 1.55   | 1.94 | 10.51 | 1.24 |

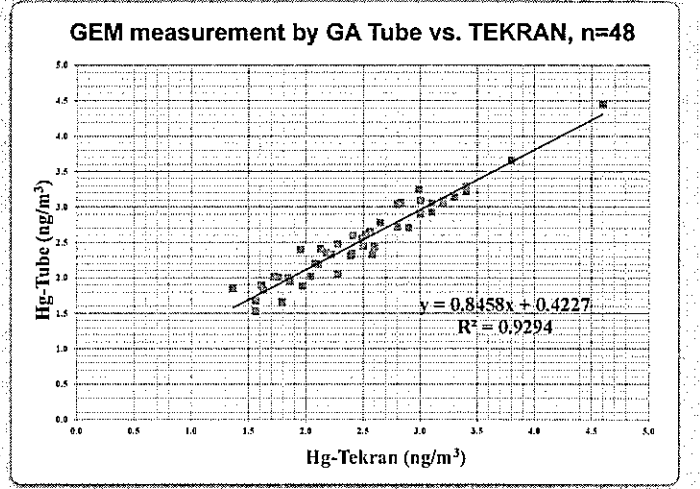
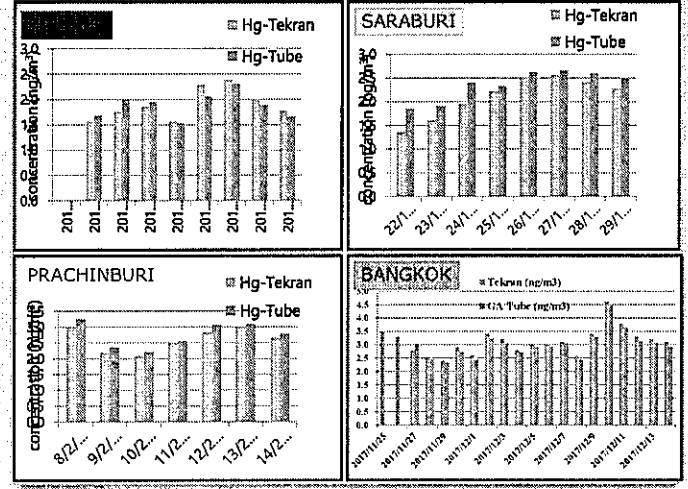
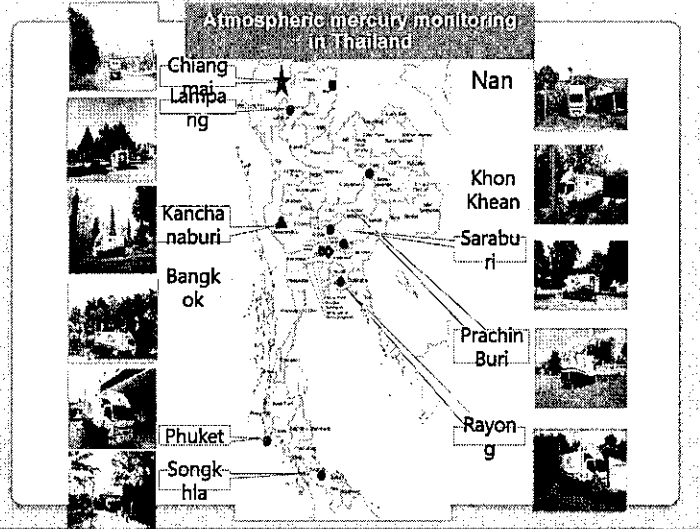
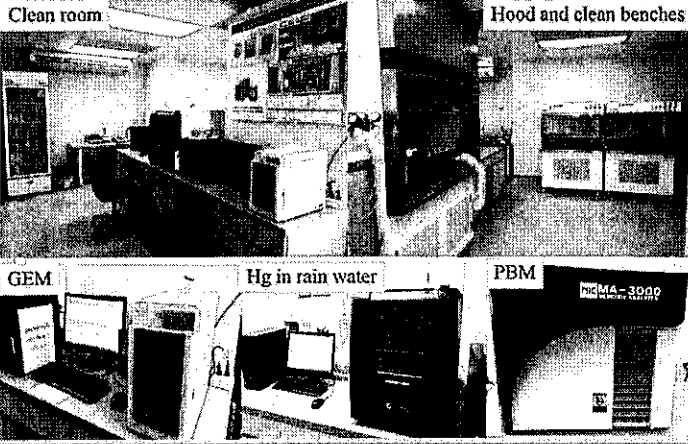
| Location (near industrial sources)   | Sampling               | Total Gaseous Mercury (TGM) 1-hr avg. (ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) |      |        |      |      |      |
|--|------------------------|--|------|--------|------|------|------|
|  |                        | Sample size  | Min. | Median | Mean | SD   |      |
| <b>II. Urban site (Bangkok)</b>  |                        |  |      |        |      |      |      |
| - The Government Public Relations Department   | 25 Nov. - 15 Dec. 2017 | 483  | 1.85 | 2.67   | 2.82 | 6.13 | 0.71 |
| <b>III. Rural site (Chiang Mai)</b>  |                        |  |      |        |      |      |      |
| - Moa Hai, Amphoe Muang  | 3 Mar. - 1 Apr. 2017   | 613  | 0.84 | 1.61   | 1.67 | 3.05 | 0.47 |
| <b>IV. Remote site (KanchanaBuri)</b>  |                        |  |      |        |      |      |      |
| - Vajiralongkora Dam, Thongphaphum   | 12 Nov. - 26 Dec. 2015 | 295  | 0.36 | 0.77   | 0.77 | 1.14 | 0.15 |
| - Vajiralongkora Dam, Thongphaphum   | 29 Mar. - 8 Apr. 2016  | 481  | 0.72 | 1.26   | 1.29 | 2.20 | 0.27 |
| - Vajiralongkora Dam, Thongphaphum   | 12 - 17 Apr. 2017      | 138  | 1.11 | 1.39   | 1.45 | 2.17 | 0.18 |
| <b>V. Special Purpose (Nan) (air quality surveillance to assess air pollution from the coal fire power plant in Lao PDR)</b> |                        |  |      |        |      |      |      |
| - District Office, Chaloom Phra Kiat   | 19 Feb. - 25 Mar. 2015 | 575  | 0.85 | 1.58   | 1.7  | 3.70 | 0.47 |
| - Chaloom Phra Kiat Hospital, Chaloom Phra Kiat  | 12 - 26 May. 2017      | 344  | 0.9  | 1.2    | 1.21 | 2.57 | 0.16 |
| - Chaloom Phra Kiat Hospital, Chaloom Phra Kiat  | 12 - 26 May. 2017      | 445  | 0.71 | 1.16   | 1.16 | 2.59 | 0.13 |

**ERTC: Atmospheric mercury measurement**

- ERTC has established Ultra-trace Mercury Level Laboratory for atmospheric and wet deposition mercury analysis since 2016
- Atmospheric mercury measurement using Gold Amalgam Tube method analyzed by CVAFS technique
- Study level of mercury in air in different areas (rural, urban, industrial, contaminated site, etc.)



## Ultra-trace Mercury level laboratory, ERTC

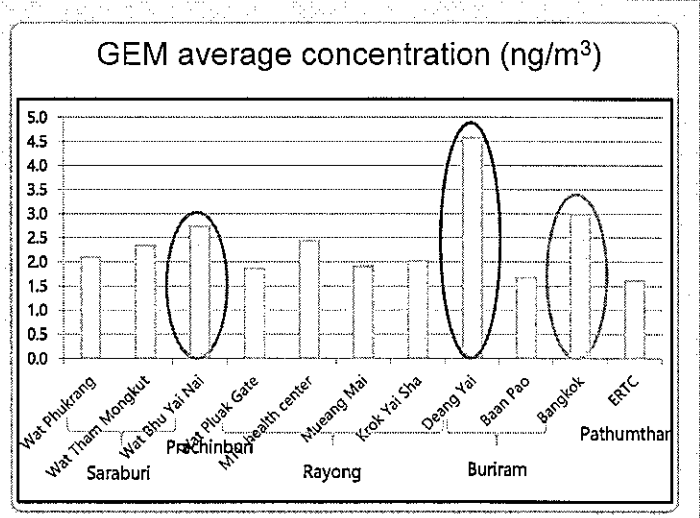
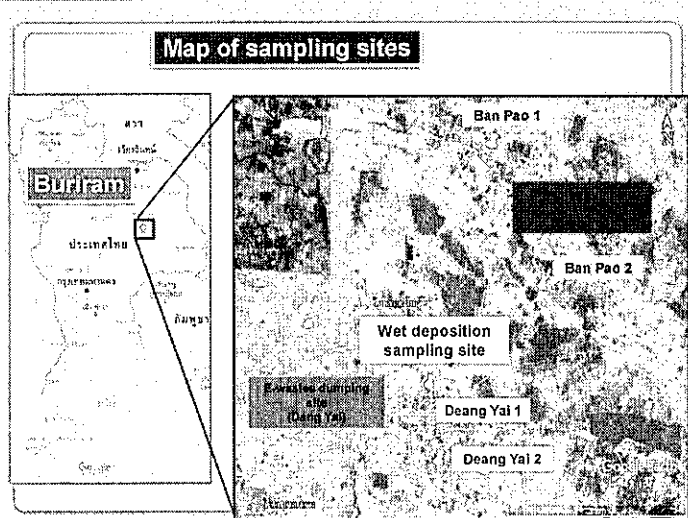


## Study on atmospheric mercury distribution and contamination from electronic/ electric wastes disposal sites in Buriram

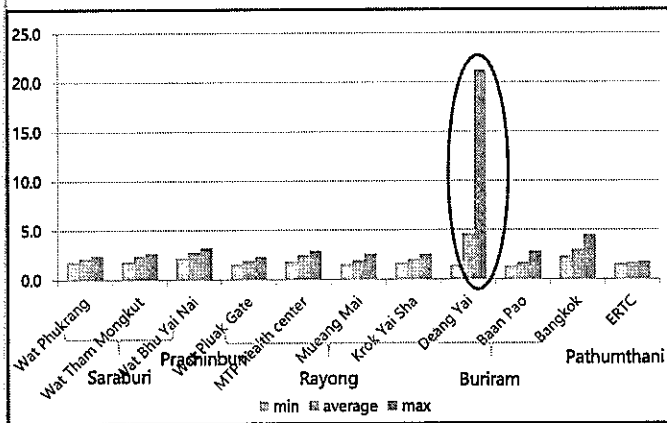


### Objectives

- To investigate the ambient level of mercury from the e-waste community area
- To determine emanation factor and emission factor of mercury from e-wastes

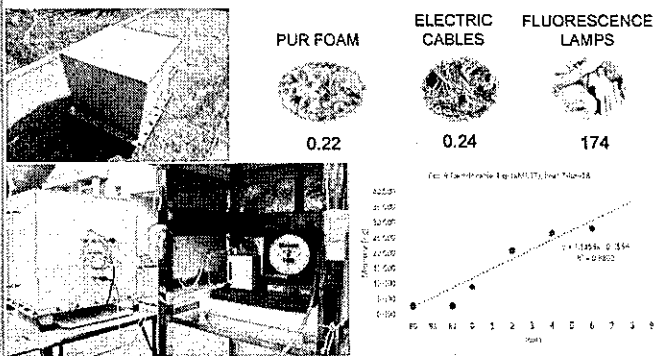


### GEM concentrations (ng/m<sup>3</sup>)



### Emanation factor of Hg from e-waste

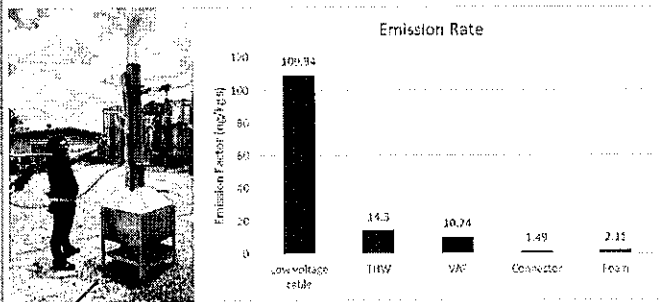
$$\text{Emanation Factor } \left( \frac{\text{ng}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{h}} \right) = \frac{\text{Total Hg (ng/h)}}{\text{Weight of waste (kg)}}$$



### Emission factor of Hg from e-waste

$$\text{Stack conc. (ng/m}^3\text{)} = \frac{\text{Total Hg (ng)}}{\text{sampling rate } \left( \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{min}} \right) \times \text{sampling time (min)}}$$

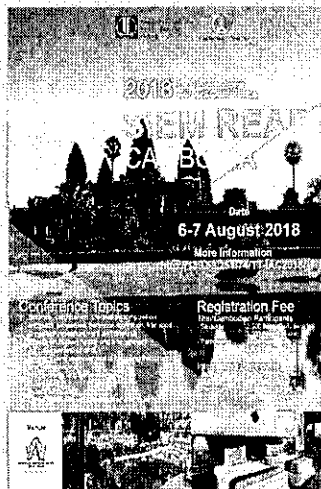
$$\text{Emission Factor } \left( \frac{\text{ng}}{\text{kg} \cdot \text{s}} \right) = \frac{\text{Stack conc. (ng/m}^3\text{)} \times \text{flow rate (m}^3\text{/sec)}}{\text{Weight of waste (kg)}}$$



### Emanation and Emission Factors of Mercury from E-Waste in Thailand

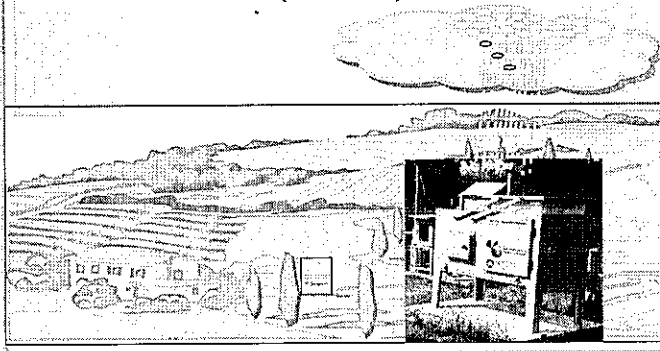
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<sup>1</sup>Environmental Research and Training Center, Department of Environmental Quality Promotion, <sup>2</sup>King Mongkut University Technology Thonburi



Mercury vapor is commonly classified as a highly toxic gaseous pollutant. One of major concerned source of mercury is from an electronic waste (E-waste). Due to its own property (low vapor pressure), mercury vapor can be evaporated under a room temperature and will be released more at higher temperature. Illegal E-waste management causes huge amount of mercury vapor released to the air, which cause highly damage to human health and environment. This study attempted to develop an emanation and emission factors of mercury from E-waste that usually found in the North East of Thailand. The emanation experiment was conducted under a controlled environment (air tight box coated with Teflon), whereas the emission test was performed in an open area. Highest emanation rate was found for a broken fluorescent lamp (174.183 ng/kg·h), whereas electric cable and PUR foam (from refrigerator) also released mercury vapor at a rate of 0.242 and 0.219 ng/kg·h, respectively. However, a glass and aluminum case from CRT television were not observed any released mercury vapor. Electric cable is normally burned openly in the field to separate copper. The low-voltage cable generated the highest mercury emissions at a rate of 109.34 ng/kg·s. THW and VRF cables also released at a rate of 14.30 and 10.24 ng/kg·s, whereas lower emissions were found for plastic electronic connector and foam (1.49 and 2.11 ng/kg·s).

### Mercury wet deposition monitoring (ERTC)



### Hg wet deposition sampling with automatic rain sampler donated by Taiwan EPA has started since 27 September 2016

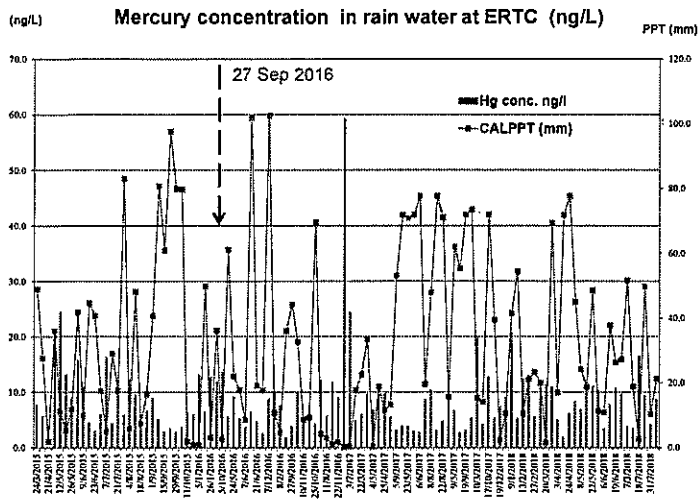


### Guidelines for sampling

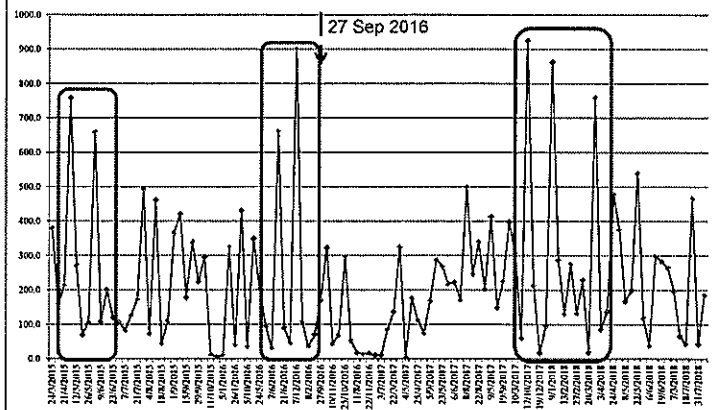
- APMMN Field Sample SOP
- EPA method: Method 1631 revision E

### Acknowledgement

- ERTC would like to acknowledge the National Central University, Taiwan, especially Prof. Sheu and Mr. Da-Wei, for their kind support as always to analyze mercury wet deposition samples from ERTC.



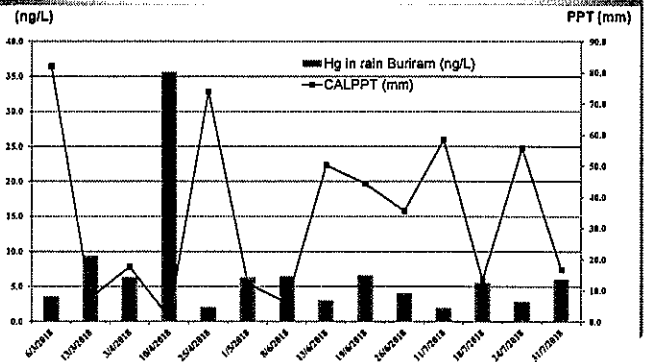
### Mercury wet deposition at ERTC (ng/m<sup>2</sup>)



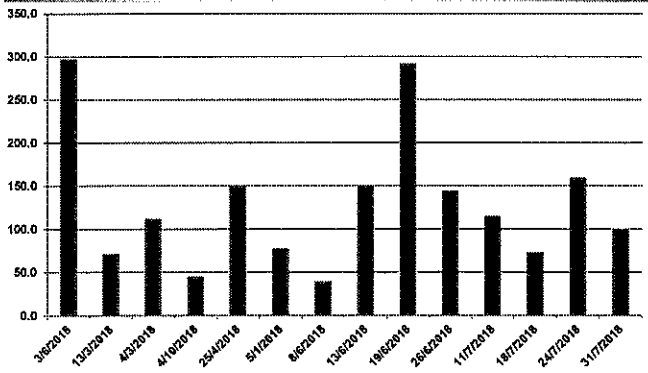
### Volume weighted average concentration

|  | Total Hg dep.(ng/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Total PPT (mm) | VWA (ng/L) | Number of samples |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|
|  | 6557.9                            | 952.2          | 6.89       | 28                |
|  | 4433.2                            | 669.1          | 6.63       | 25                |
|  | 6355.1                            | 1112.3         | 5.71       | 29                |
|  | 6679.3                            | 812.9          | 8.22       | 26                |

### Mercury concentration in rain water at e-waste community area (ng/L)



### Hg wet deposition in e-waste community area (ng/m<sup>2</sup>)



### Future plan (ERTC)

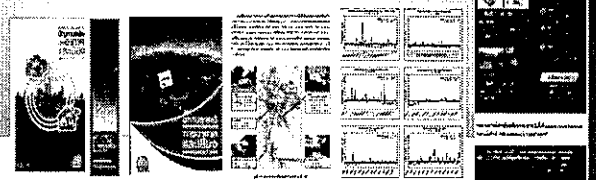
- ERTC will be able to measure Particulate Bound Mercury (PBM)
- Continue putting the effort to analyze mercury wet deposition samples at ERTC and be able to make the inter-lab comparison with NCU, Taiwan
- Research project in the 2019 fiscal year will be to evaluate the dispersion of mercury from e-waste and municipal solid wastes dumping sites using the emanation and emission factors
- Collaborate closely with PCD for investigation of atmospheric Hg to assist the establishment AQS for mercury in Thailand.
- Collaborate with APMMN countries in the future, e.g. Passive sampler ???

### Future plan (PCD)

- Continuous atmospheric mercury monitoring
  - Monitor more urban and rural site (EANET sites)
  - Plan to purchase the Mercury Vapor Calibration Unit
- Gold amalgamation trap method (Japan's standard method)
  - Join "the Atmospheric air monitoring of mercury and data sharing in Asia-Pacific region"
- Design for long-term mercury monitoring network
  - Continuous monitoring stations? How many sites? Location? Objectives? Comparable? Urban sites?
  - Gold amalgamation trap site? How many sites? Location? Objectives? Comparable? Rural and Remote sites?
  - Mobile unit? Hot spot sites? Compliant? Research?

### Report to the public

- State of Air and Noise Pollution Report Year 2015, 2016, 2017
- PCD Fanpage: [www.pcd.go.th](http://www.pcd.go.th)





Thank you very much for your kind attention



## MERCURY MONITORING IN VIETNAM

Vietnam Environmental Administration

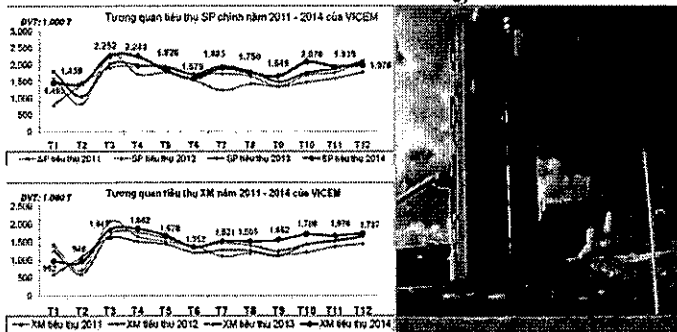
Manila, September 2018

- 1 Sources of Mercury in Vietnam
- 2 Mercury monitoring in Vietnam
- 3 Plan

### SOURCES OF MERCURY

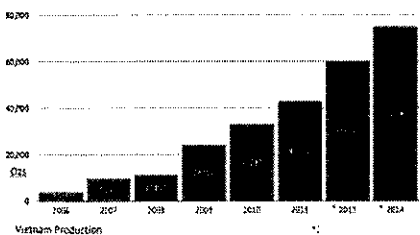


### 1. Cement Industry



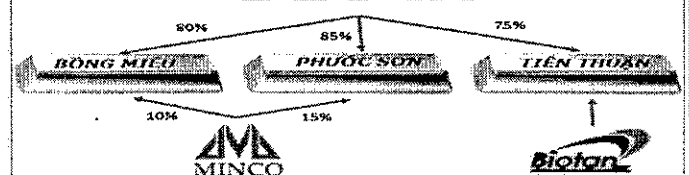
In 2014, Vicem has produced 16.5 million tons of clinker and 18.46 million tons of cement, Production increase over 2013: 0,7% and 10,3% respectively

### 2. Gold mining



Gold mining production increased every year

### BESRA



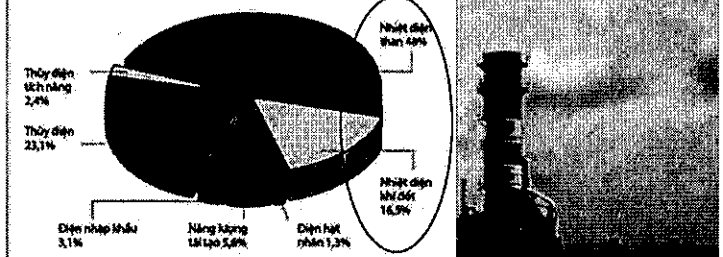
### Industries with mercury emissions to the environment

In Vietnam, some mercury sources are found as below:

- Coal-fired thermal power plants
- Cement factories/plants
- Steel production plants
- Waste incinerator
- Gold mining
- Other sources: Oil refinery, thermometer, Compact fluorescent lamp, dentistry, electric components, metallurgy, e-waste, landfill, chemistry...
- In Vietnam, currently, Hg has not been managed well and strictly.

### 3. Thermal power sector

Thermal power sector: forward to 2020



The country's coal reserves are estimated to be:

- 2015: about 24 million tons
- 2020: need up to 67 million tons
- 2030: about 150 million tons

### RESULTS OF MERCURY SURVEYS (2009)

- Cement production:
  - Mercury was discovered in cement with small content (0.02 – 0.08 mg/kg)
- Iron and steel production:
  - Mercury was also discovered in coke coal (0.032 – 0.384 mg/kg)

# MERCURY MONITORING IN VIETNAM

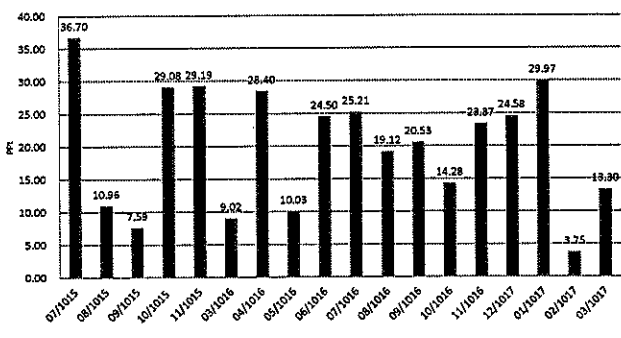
## mercury monitoring in the air in Vietnam

- 2017: Research and design of the program of mercury monitoring in the air.
- 2018: The designed program is submitted to MONRE for approving.
- 2019: to do monitoring mercury in the air.



## mercury monitoring in the air in Vietnam

Vietnam Rainwater Hg data



## Updates on current mercury monitoring from emission sources

- Monitoring and emission control activities (2016):
- CEM carry out manual monitoring Hg emission from waste incineration follow Vietnam Technical Regulation (QCVN 02; QCVN 30; QCVN 61). US EPA 29 has been used as a standard method for heavy metal sampling and analysis.
- Mercury particle bound phase range from N.D to 0.3 ng/Nm<sup>3</sup> in which close to Vietnam Technical Regulation.

| Incineration type | Number of sample | Concentration (mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> ) | Duration      |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Municipal waste   | 05               | Nd-0.2                              | From Jan 2016 |
| Hospital waste    | 02               | 0.2-0.3                             | From Jan 2016 |
| Industrial waste  | 03               | 0.1-0.3                             | From Jan 2016 |

## mercury monitoring in the air in Vietnam

- 2010: Joint the 7-SEA program.
- 2012: workshop in Taiwan.
  - 01 automatic station for air quality monitoring in Hanoi (including Hg parameter).
- 2013: Workshop in EPA, Washintong DC.
- 2014: Vietnam has joined the Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Pilot Network.
  - 01 wet sampler in Hanoi (for Hg analysis).
- 2015: Pilot of mercury monitoring for Coal Power Plants



- 2016: workshop in Taiwan and Thailand.

## Updated atmospheric mercury level in Hanoi

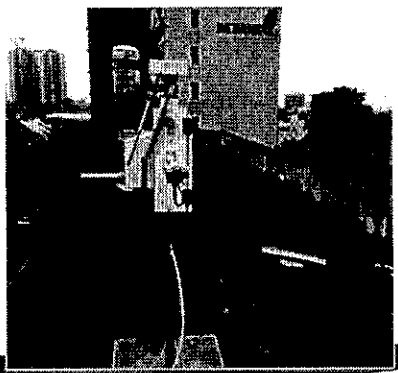
Location: building No.556, Nguyen Van Cu, Gia Lam, Hanoi (North of Vietnam)



The wet samples are send to National Central University (NCU) of Taiwan for mercury analysis

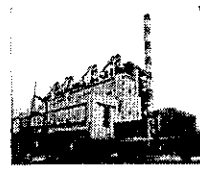
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## Updates on current mercury monitoring from emission sources

- Monitoring and emission control activities (2016):
- CEM is collaborating with Pollution Control Dept (PCD) in order to monitoring of Hg emission from 03 thermal coal power (TCP) plants. This activities had be completed in August 2016.
- Total 84 samples will be collected for total Hg analysis which include flue gas, fly ash and coal powder samples. Flue gas samples was be collected by both of US EPA 29 and US EPA 30B.



Hai Phong TCP plant



Mong Duong 2 TCP plant



Ninh Binh TCP plant



## Updates on capacity building of mercury monitoring for CEM - VEA

Updates on equipment capacity for mercury monitoring

| Equipment  | Method       | Quantity                    |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Wet deposition sampler                                     | APMMN SOP    | 01 sampler (USEPA sponsor)  |
| Isokinetic sampler   | US EPA 29    | 03 sampler                  |
| Mercury on-site sampling and analysis (Apex A instruments) | US EPA 30A   | 01 MODULE (US MOFA sponsor) |
| AAS  | US EPA 29    | 01 analyzer                 |
| ICP-MS   | US EPA 200.8 | 02 available                |
| Mercury analyzer (SMS 100)                                 | US EPA 1631  | 01 available                |



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ICP-MS

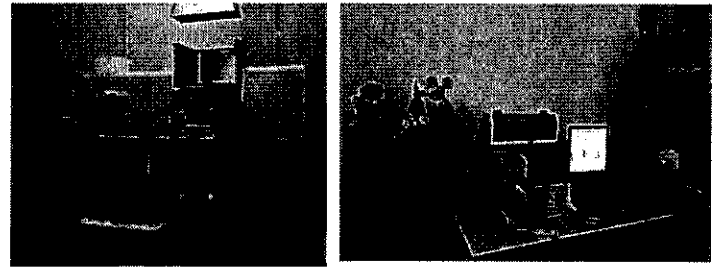


## PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

- Monitoring Mercury in the air, 2019;
- Completion of methods for monitoring and analyzing mercury in the air;
- International collaboration for academic exchange and technical supporting;
- QA/QC guarantee in sampling, analysis and data processing



## Updates on capacity building of mercury monitoring for CEM - VEA



Laboratory analysis of Mercury in water and flue gas matrix samples (2016)



## Plan and Propose



## WHAT IS NEXT ?

- Technical support for Hg monitoring and analysis;
- Sharing data among APMMN contry partner.



# State of the Network : mercury central analytical lab and site liaison reports

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## Background

NCU has been working closely with Taiwan EPA, USEPA and NADP since 2012 to establish the collaborative Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network (APMMN).

2012 in Taipei (1<sup>st</sup>)



2013 in DC (2<sup>nd</sup>)



2014 in Hanoi (3<sup>rd</sup>)



2015 in Minamata (4<sup>th</sup>)



2016 in Bangkok (5<sup>th</sup>)



2017 in Taoyuan (6<sup>th</sup>)



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## Background

- NCU Hg Lab serves as the center for ultra-trace level Hg analysis and training
- To help analyze rainwater samples, and to train researchers from other Asian countries for capacity building on ultra-trace level Hg sampling and analysis
- EPAT funded the establishment of the Center for Environmental Monitoring and Technology on NCU campus in 2016
- Administrative offices and lab expansion to support the operation of Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network

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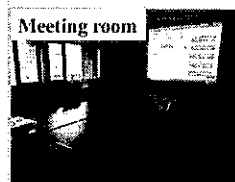
## Center for Environmental Monitoring and Technology

## Center Opening Ceremony in June 2016



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## Administrative Area



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## Trace-Level Mercury Analytical Lab

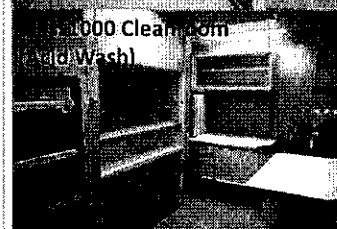
Established in 2007. Expanded in 2016.

- 2 class 1000 cleanrooms
- 3 Tekran 2600 CVAFS mercury analyzers
- Tekran and Gardis atmospheric mercury monitoring systems
- 2 clean benches
- 2 DI water systems
- 2 analytical balances
- 4 chemical hoods
- UHP Ar supply
- Chemical furnace
- Labware furnace
- pH/conductivity meter

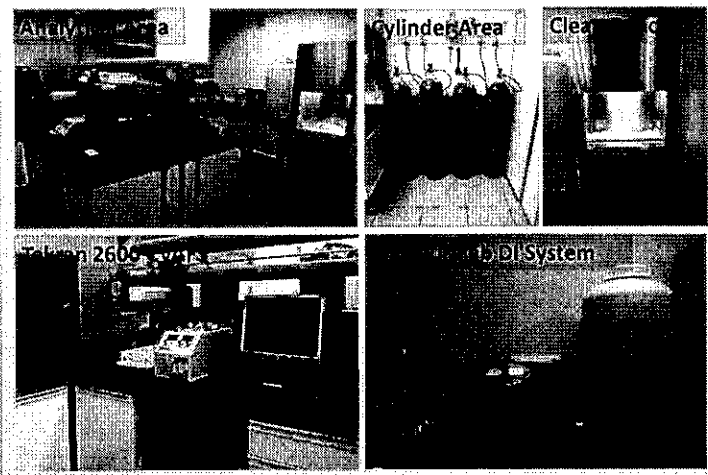


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## Expansion of Lab Space and Equipment



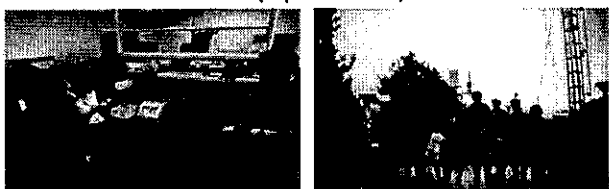
# Expansion of Lab Space and Equipment



## Atmospheric and Rainwater Mercury Monitoring Training

### Training Activities

Visit of Vietnam CEM (April 2017)



Training Workshop (May 2017)



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### Training Activities

Site visit, Thailand (February 2017)



Site visit, Vietnam (October 2017)



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### Training Activities

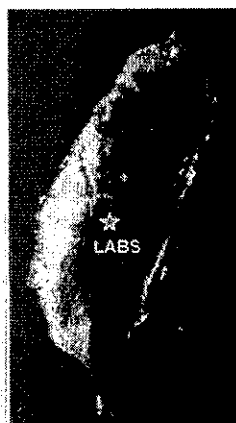
Site survey and training, Philippines (June 2018)



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## New APMMN Site at the Lulin Atmospheric Background Station (LABS)

### Location of Lulin Atmospheric Background Station (LABS)



- LABS is located atop Mt. Front Lulin in central Taiwan, with an elevation of 2862 m above sea level.
- Continuous speciated atmospheric Hg monitoring started since April 13, 2006.
- Wet Hg deposition monitoring since January 2017.

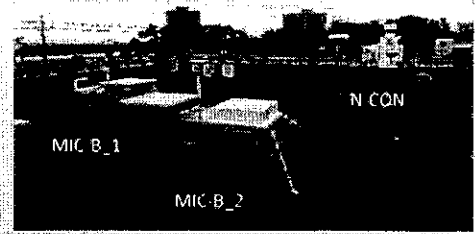
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# Wet Sampler Inter-comparison

# Inter-comparison of Wet Deposition Samplers

- There is no "standard" wet deposition sampler.
- APMN uses MIC-B type sampler, whereas NADP/MDN uses N-CON sampler
- MIC-B vs N-CON : since January 2017
- MIC-B vs MIC-B : since April 2018



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# Inter-comparison of Wet Deposition Sampler

# Inter-comparison of Wet Deposition Sampler

## MIC-B vs MIC-B: 6-pair of samples in 2018/04-06

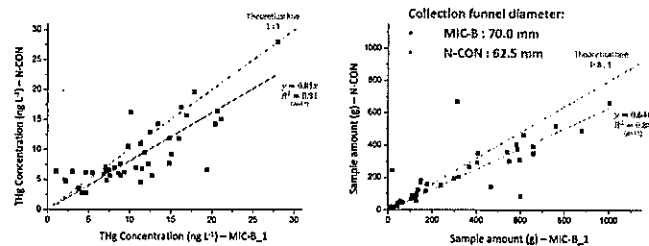
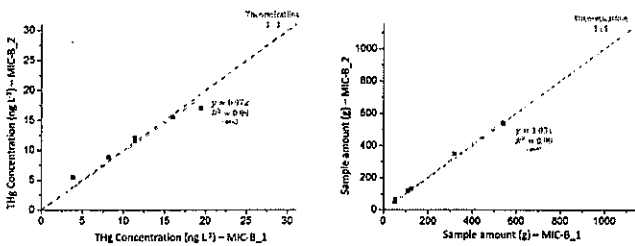
## MIC-B vs N-CON: 43-pair of samples until 2018/06

THg concentration

Sample amount

THg concentration

Sample amount



- Lid opening/closing time difference (sensor/motor difference)
- Wind speed and direction
- Raindrop bounce/splash
- Other factors
- Evaporation of water and/or Hg

# Literature Review-Collocated Samplers

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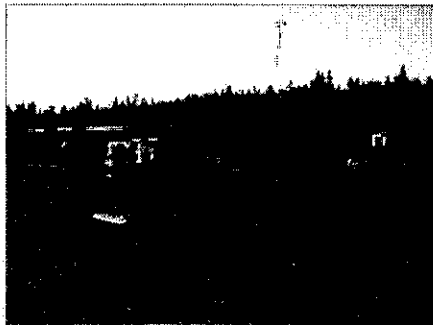
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Wetherbee et al., 2006

## Estimated Variability of National Atmospheric Deposition Program/Mercury Deposition Network Measurements Using Collocated Samplers

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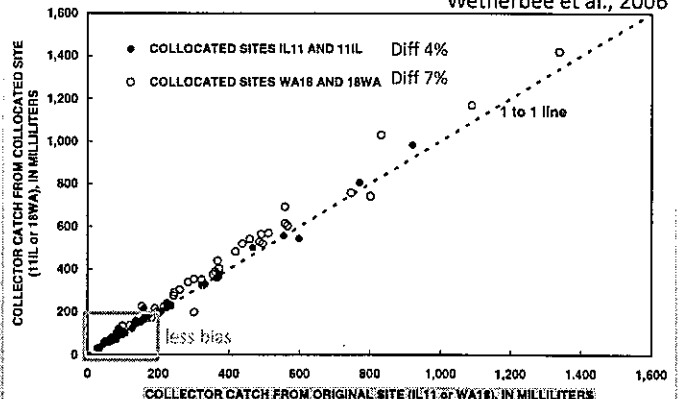


Fig. 8 Comparison of collector catch (sample volume) obtained from collocated wet-deposition collectors at Mercury Deposition Network at sites IL11/11L and WA18/18WA during 1998–2002. Points represent data pairs, not differences

# Literature Review-Collocated Samplers

# Literature Review-Evaporation Test

## Variation of Collocated Site Total Mercury Concentration with Original Site Mercury Concentration

Wetherbee et al., 2006

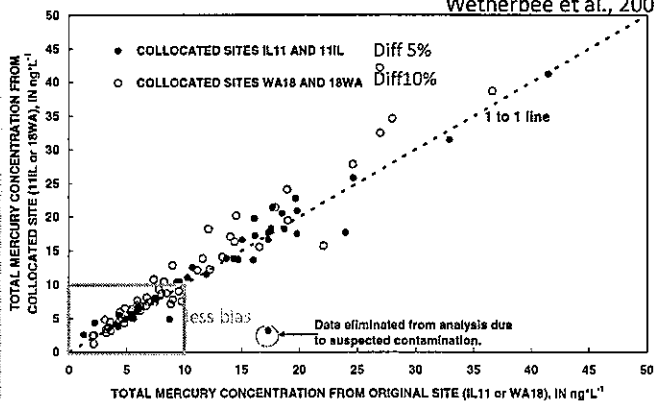


Fig. 3 Comparison of valid total mercury concentrations obtained from collocated Mercury Deposition Network precipitation collectors at sites IL11/11L and WA18/18WA during 1998–2002. Points represent data pairs, not differences



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By Gregory A. Wetherbee and Mark F. Probst

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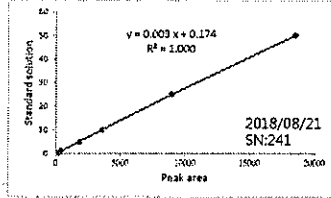
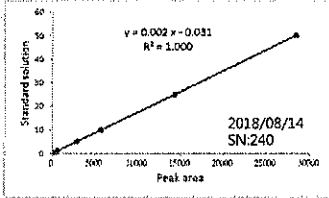
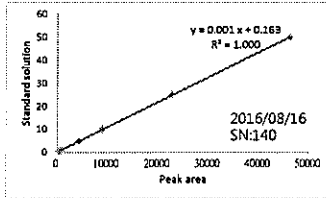
U.S. Department of the Interior  
U.S. Geological Survey

USGS, 2013





## Calibration Curve



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## Duplicate Analysis and Matrix Spike

### Duplicate analysis

|                     | Frequency | Mean (%) | Min. (%) | Max. (%) | 1631 rev. E    |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| 2016 – 2017         | 128       | 1.0      | 0.0      | 4.9      | RPD<br>< ±20 % |
| 2018<br>(Jan – Jun) | 29        | 3.8      | 0.1      | 10.9     |                |

### Matrix spike/duplicate

|                     | Frequency | Mean (%) | Min. (%) | Max. (%) | 1631 rev. E            |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|
| 2016 – 2017         | 130       | 101.5    | 96.5     | 119.6    | Recovery<br>71 – 125 % |
| 2018<br>(Jan – Jun) | 32        | 98.5     | 78.5     | 110.0    |                        |

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## Source of CRM

**Canada**

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**ORMS-9: Elevated Mercury in River Water**

Product documentation  
 - CRM 5.5 (REV. 130 X3)

ORMS-9 is a river water spiked with inorganic mercury. The material is packaged in 30 ml glass ampoules stabilized with 0.5% BCL.

Table of Certified quantity value

| Element | mg/g        |
|---------|-------------|
| Hg      | 102.5 ± 3.7 |

The certified value was derived gravimetrically and corroborated with two methods of spectrometry (DD-ICP-MS) and flow injection cold vapour atomic absorption spectrometry. Results are the expanded (k=2) uncertainty (U<sub>95</sub>). The results presented for each of the expanded uncertainty in the certified value is equal to U<sub>95</sub> × 0.95, where 0.95 is the coverage factor. It is intended that U<sub>95</sub> encompasses the uncertainty of the measurand. A coverage factor k=2 is used to give an uncertainty interval that is determined from the combined uncertainties of the methods (u<sub>y</sub>) as well as the uncertainty of the measurand (u<sub>x</sub>).

**Intended use**  
 This CRM is intended for the calibration of instruments and evaluation of methods for mercury in water.

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## Samples Received and Analyzed

### Rain water sample From 2016 to June 2018

| Site ID | City         | Number of samples |      |      | Subtotal |
|---------|--------------|-------------------|------|------|----------|
|         |              | 2016              | 2017 | 2018 |          |
| APID01  | Jakarta      | 19                | 20   | 10   | 49       |
| APTH01  | Pathum Thani | 44                | 44   | 20   | 108      |
| APTW01  | Nantou       | -                 | 44   | 22   | 66       |
| APVN01  | Hanoi        | 12                | 13   | 6    | 31       |
| APKRA2  | Gwangju      | 29                | 28   | 15   | 72       |
| Summary |              | 104               | 149  | 67   | 326      |

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## Blanks

### System blank

|                     | Frequency | Mean (ng L <sup>-1</sup> ) | Min. (ng L <sup>-1</sup> ) | Max. (ng L <sup>-1</sup> ) | 1631 rev. E              |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2016 – 2017         | 127       | 0.18                       | 0.05                       | 0.53                       | < 0.5 ng L <sup>-1</sup> |
| 2018<br>(Jan – Jun) | 34        | 0.07                       | 0.03                       | 0.15                       |                          |

### Bottle blank

|                     | Frequency | Mean (ng L <sup>-1</sup> ) | Min. (ng L <sup>-1</sup> ) | Max. (ng L <sup>-1</sup> ) | 1631 rev. E              |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2016 – 2017         | 83        | 0.12                       | 0.00                       | 0.48                       | < 0.5 ng L <sup>-1</sup> |
| 2018<br>(Jan – Jun) | 20        | 0.38                       | 0.02                       | 1.95                       |                          |

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## Recovery of QCS and CRM

### Quality control sample (QCS)

|                     | Frequency | Mean (%) | Min. (%) | Max. (%) | 1631 rev. E            |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|
| 2016 – 2017         | 83        | 100.5    | 95.6     | 106.3    | Recovery<br>80 – 120 % |
| 2018<br>(Jan – Jun) | 33        | 102.5    | 91.7     | 113.7    |                        |

### Certified reference material (CRM)

|                   | Frequency | Mean (%) | Min. (%) | Max. (%) | 1631 rev. E |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 2016/12 – 2018/06 | 24        | 94.1     | 87.5     | 99.6     | –           |

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## APMMN Site Information

APVN01 (Dec. 2014)  
 (Urban)

APTH01 (Jan. 2015)  
 Training Center  
 (Rural)

APID01 (Jan. 2016)  
 Indonesian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Forestry  
 (Urban)

APKRA2 (Apr. 2016)  
 Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology  
 (Rural)

APTW01 (Jan. 2017)  
 Nantou City Government  
 (Remote)

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## Samples Received and Analyzed

### QC sample (Reagent blank, bottle blank, ...) From 2016 to June 2018

| Site ID | City         | Number of samples |      |      | Subtotal |
|---------|--------------|-------------------|------|------|----------|
|         |              | 2016              | 2017 | 2018 |          |
| APID01  | Jakarta      | -                 | -    | -    | -        |
| APTH01  | Pathum Thani | 14                | 8    | 6    | 28       |
| APTW01  | Nantou       | -                 | 45   | 20   | 65       |
| APVN01  | Hanoi        | 4                 | 1    | -    | 5        |
| APKRA2  | Gwangju      | -                 | -    | -    | -        |
| Summary |              | 18                | 54   | 26   | 98       |

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# Samples Received and Analyzed

## Other samples (e.g. surface water)

From 2016 to June 2018

| Site ID | City         | Number of samples |      |      | Subtotal |
|---------|--------------|-------------------|------|------|----------|
|         |              | 2016              | 2017 | 2018 |          |
| APIDO1  | Jakarta      | -                 | -    | -    | -        |
| APTH01  | Pathum Thani | 11                | 9    | 12   | 32       |
| APTWO1  | Nantou       | -                 | -    | -    | -        |
| APVNO1  | Hanoi        | -                 | -    | -    | -        |
| APKRA2  | Gwangju      | -                 | -    | -    | -        |
| Summary |              | 11                | 9    | 9    | 32       |

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# Data Summary of January-June 2018

| Site ID | Location     | Number of Sample | Rainwater Hg Conc. (Mean±S.D; ng/L) |
|---------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| APIDO1  | Jakarta      | 10               | 16.8±19.6                           |
| APTH01  | Pathum Thani | 14               | 11.1±5.3                            |
| APTWO1  | Nantou       | 22               | 12.7±9.1                            |
| APVNO1  | Hanoi        | 6                | 32.9±4.8                            |
| APKRA2  | Gwangju      | 14               | 6.2±4.7                             |
| OVERALL |              | 66               | 11.8±11.1                           |

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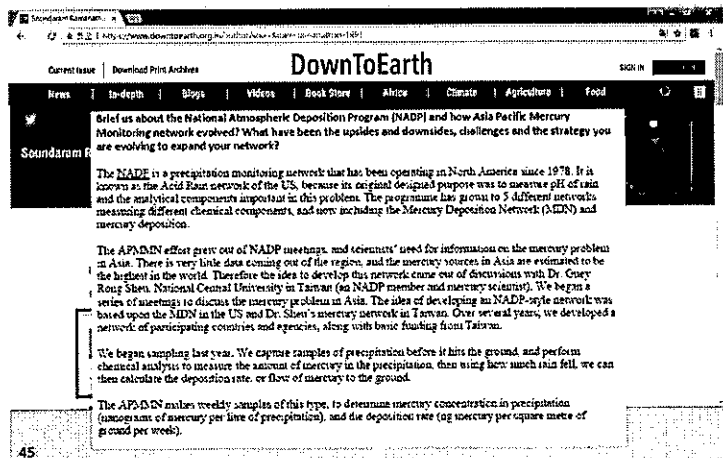
# Summary of Rainwater Hg Conc. Worldwide

| Location                     | Hg conc. (ng L <sup>-1</sup> ) | References                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| APMMN                        | 6.2-32.9                       | January – June, 2018      |
| 12 sites in Taiwan           | 6.6-14.3                       | Lin et al., 2016          |
| 10 sites in Japan (estimate) | 5.2-9.5                        | Sakata and Marumoto, 2005 |
| EMEP (2013)                  | 2.6-12.5                       | EMEP, 2015                |
| NADP/MDN (2016)              | 2.0-21.5                       | NADP 2016 Annual Summary  |
| Chuncheon, Korea             | 8.8                            | Ahn et al., 2011          |
| Seoul, Korea                 | 10.1-16.3                      | Seo et al., 2012          |
| Nam Co, China                | 4.8                            | Huang et al., 2012        |
| Mt. Leigong, China           | 4.0                            | Fu et al., 2010           |
| Chongqing, China             | 30.7                           | Wang et al., 2012         |
| 4 sites in Xiamen, China     | 11.4-14.0                      | Xu et al., 2014           |
| Nanjing, China (9 months)    | 52.9                           | Zhu et al., 2014          |
| Monterey Bay, CA, USA        | 5.8                            | Conaway et al., 2010      |
| CBL, MD, USA                 | 11.4-15.0                      | Mason et al., 2000        |
| Moffett Field, CA, USA       | 11.6                           | Steding and Flegal, 2002  |
| Bermuda                      | 4.7                            | Glichuki and Mason, 2014  |
| 10 sites in UK               | 1.6-5.1                        | Rowland et al., 2010      |
| 2 sites in South Africa      | 10.6-15.8                      | Glichuki and Mason, 2013  |
| 2 sites in Mexico            | 7.9-8.2                        | Hansen and Gay, 2013      |

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# Publicity of APMMN

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**Soundaram R**

**Brief about the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) and how Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring network evolved? What have been the updates and downsides, challenges and the strategy you are evolving to expand your network?**

The NADP is a precipitation monitoring network that has been operating in North America since 1978. It is known as the Acid Rain network of the US, because its original designed purpose was to measure pH of rain and the analytical components important in this problem. The programme has grown to 5 different networks measuring different chemical components, and now including the Mercury Deposition Network (MDN) and mercury deposition.

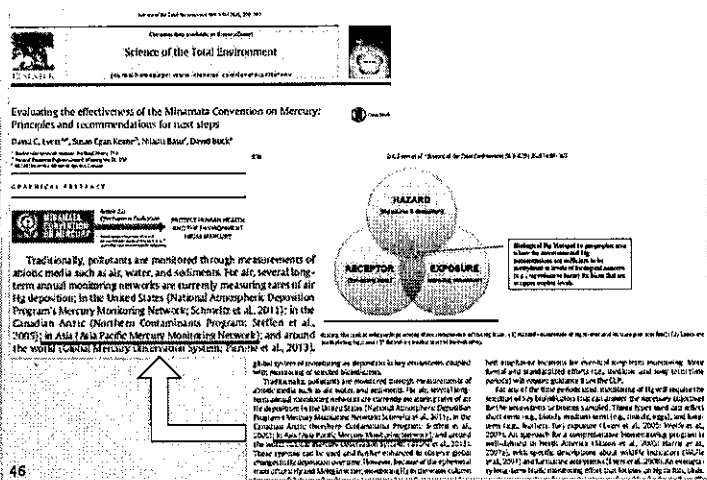
The APMMN effort grew out of NADP meetings, and scientists' need for information on the mercury problem in Asia. There is very little data coming out of the region, and the mercury sources in Asia are estimated to be the highest in the world. Therefore the idea to develop this network came out of discussions with Dr. Guoyang Shen, National Central University in Taiwan (an NADP member and mercury scientist). We began a series of meetings to discuss the mercury problem in Asia. The idea of developing an NADP-style network was based upon the MDN in the US and Dr. Shen's mercury network in Taiwan. Over several years, we developed a network of participating countries and agencies, along with basic funding from Taiwan.

We began sampling last year. We capture samples of precipitation before it hits the ground and perform chemical analysis to measure the amount of mercury in the precipitation, then using how much this fell, we can then calculate the deposition rate, or flow of mercury to the ground.

The APMMN makes weekly samples of this type, to determine mercury concentration in precipitation (amount of mercury per litre of precipitation), and the deposition rate (mg mercury per square metre of ground per week).

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# Publicity of APMMN



Science of the Total Environment  
Evaluating the effectiveness of the Minamata Convention on Mercury: Principles and recommendations for next steps

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**GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT**

**HAZARD**  
Mercury in the environment

**RECEPTOR**  
Human health

**EXPOSURE**  
Mercury in the environment

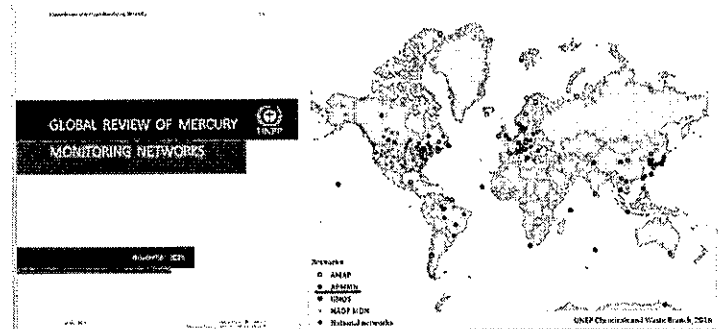
Traditionally, pollutants are monitored through measurements of ambient media such as air, water, and sediments. For air, several long-term annual monitoring networks are currently measuring rates of air Hg deposition; in the United States (National Atmospheric Deposition Program's Mercury Monitoring Network; Schmidt et al., 2011); in the Canadian Arctic (Northern Contaminants Program; Sefton et al., 2005); in Asia (Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network); and around the world (Global Mercury Intensity System; Fehsenfeld et al., 2013).

Global systems of monitoring air deposition by dry deposition, coupled with measures of wet deposition, provide a more comprehensive picture of atmospheric mercury to air, water, and sediments. In air, several long-term annual monitoring networks are currently measuring rates of air Hg deposition; in the United States (National Atmospheric Deposition Program's Mercury Monitoring Network; Schmidt et al., 2011); in the Canadian Arctic (Northern Contaminants Program; Sefton et al., 2005); in Asia (Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network); and around the world (Global Mercury Intensity System; Fehsenfeld et al., 2013). These systems can be used and further enhanced to derive global atmospheric mercury exposure. However, the use of the global mercury intensity system (GMIS) to derive global mercury exposure is limited by the sparse data available for the system.

With structure in place for the development of a global mercury monitoring network and standardized efforts to collect, analyze, and report data, the next step is to develop a global mercury monitoring network. The network should be able to measure mercury in the atmosphere, water, and sediments. The network should be able to measure mercury in the atmosphere, water, and sediments. The network should be able to measure mercury in the atmosphere, water, and sediments.

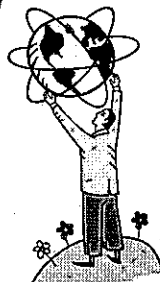
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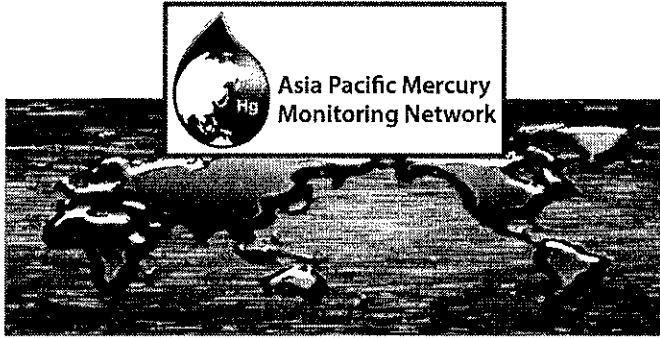
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**THANK YOU!**



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# Introduction to the Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network (APMMN)



## The Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network (APMMN) is ....

- a cooperative effort to systematically monitor mercury in air and rainwater throughout the Asia-Pacific Region
- and involves many different and voluntary groups, including environmental ministries and federal government agencies, academic institutions, and scientific research and monitoring organizations

Mercury Monitoring Workshop 2016



## APMMN Goal and Objectives

- **Goal**
  - Systematically monitor wet deposition and atmospheric mercury in a network of stations throughout the Asia-Pacific region
- **Objectives**
  - Determine the spatial and temporal trends in concentrations of ambient mercury species, and wet, dry, and total atmospheric deposition of mercury
  - Develop a robust database for regional and global modeling
  - Assist partner countries in developing, maintaining and upgrading laboratory capability
  - Share data and monitoring information

- **Our first step was mercury in precipitation**
  - Loadings to ecosystems
  - The atmosphere is the first place to identify changes in emissions
- Lots of monitoring experience, many experts regionally/globally
- We have an opportunity to help
  - Improve monitoring coordination
  - Assist countries with limited experience and build capabilities



## Specifics of the APMMN for Wet Deposition



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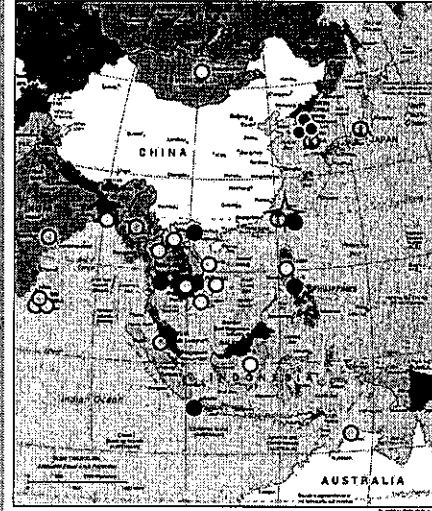
NADP-style Aerometer 501



Taiwan-style MIC

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Sampler:           | Automated wet-only precipitation collection systems  |
| Sampling Schedule: | Sample bottles and glassware are changed every Tuesday   |
| Chemical Analysis: | Cold vapor atomic fluorescence spectroscopy (CVAES)  |
| Lab Location:      | National Central University, Taiwan (Dr. G. R. Shyu)   |
| Mercury Forms:     | Total mercury, wet deposition and precipitation concentrations   |
| Site Locations:    | Regionally representative, rural, urban, and suburban areas with estimated high levels of mercury emissions and deposition, and sensitive ecosystems |

East Asia



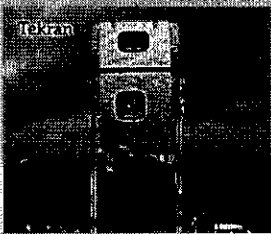
## Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network

### Phase 1 Wet Deposition Sites

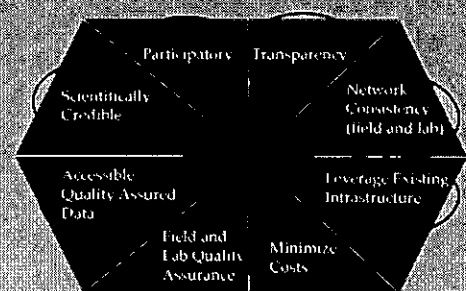
- Operating
- Operating (Sampling only)
- Affiliated Network
- Pending Sites (waiting equipment)
- Initial Interest/Acceptance

★ Central Laboratory (NCD)

- **Our second step was mercury in the atmosphere**
  - Loadings to ecosystems
- Lots of monitoring experience, many experts regionally/globally
- Multiple types of measurement systems available
  - Automated Tekran Instruments
  - Manual methods, provided by Japan MOE



## APMMN Network Principles





Asia Pacific Mercury  
Monitoring Network

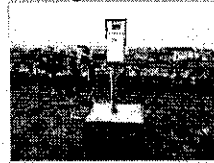
## What Progress Have We Made?

### APMMN Milestones 2012-2017

- 2012 Identified key data gaps in the region and articulated a need for a coordinated network to monitor mercury transport and deposition
- 2013 Agreed to develop a standardized pilot network to monitor mercury in rainwater and in air; established a network Science Advisory Group (SAG) to guide network activities
- 2014 Developed and adopted APMMN SOPs to monitor mercury in rainwater. Established three mercury wet deposition pilot sites; central mercury analytical lab at National Central University, Taiwan
- 2015 Expanded network partners; further developed network infrastructure; hired a network site liaison; website
- 2016 Expanded lab, launch monitoring and technology center; EPAT committed to providing 15 samplers to APMMN partners; plans for monitoring atmospheric mercury concentrations; training
- 2017 New wet deposition samplers delivered to Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka; Japan commits to training and samplers for gaseous measurement.

### Progress Made

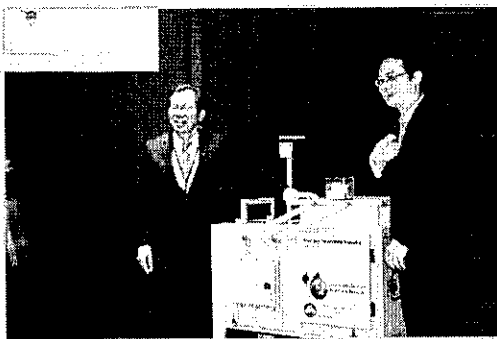
- A 3-year pilot wet deposition network established
  - sites in Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam
  - Established Standard Operating Procedures
  - One Laboratory: National Central University of Taiwan
  - New Site in Philippines (last week)
  - 7 new monitors available for distribution
- Data reported back to operating country
- U.S. led capacity building and site operator training workshops
- Transition to fully-operational continental wet deposition and gaseous Hg network soon.



### APMMN Laboratory and APMMN Offices at NCU Taiwan



### APMMN Samplers are Available



### Participation in the APMMN workshops



### More Information Here

<http://apmmn.org/>

### On Your Data Stick

- Folder: "APMMN\_Hg\_Documents"
  - Network documents, like the wet deposition SOP, summary, information worksheet
  - 30 mercury journal articles, basic papers, and papers from Asia research (by country) including the Philippines
  - UNEP documents; Hg assessment from 2013
  - Sampling justification documents, to help you if you are looking to join this effort



Asia Pacific Mercury  
Monitoring Network

## What is Next?

## What's Next?

1. **Bring in new partners and expand existing wet network**
  - Deploy new mercury wet deposition collectors in Philippines NOW
  - Next sites: Sri Lanka, Mongolia 12/2018
  - Bangladesh, India, Cambodia, Laos in 2019
2. **Continue training and network organizational development**
  - Training (last week)
  - Will be more in the future, in Taiwan
3. **Network atmospheric mercury monitoring stations**
  - Just introduced a manual method (Japan MOE) last week to APMMN
  - Continue to explore networking atmospheric mercury monitoring systems into a harmonized network
  - Will consider passive methods
4. **Data acquisition, management and distribution**
  - Assist Taiwan in developing a database of measurements
  - Share data eventually
  - Invite monitoring stations and data streams into APMMN (e.g. Korea, Japan)

## Summary

The Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network (APMMN) is:

- A group of countries, agencies, academics and monitoring groups
- Making measurements of mercury
  - Wet deposition
  - Atmospheric mercury in the future (for dry deposition)
- Using the same instruments and standard operating procedures across Asian countries and consistent with NADP
- Sharing data to solve the mercury problem



Asia Pacific Mercury  
Monitoring Network

Thanks!



# Why is it Important to Monitor For Mercury?

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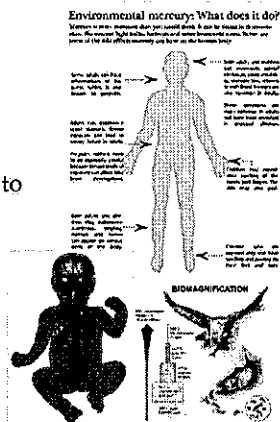


National Atmospheric  
Deposition Program

## Measuring Mercury For Human Health

### A Human Health Concern

- Neurological Disorders
  - Persistent bioaccumulative neurotoxin
- Large problem in children up to about 7-12 years
  - » Birth defects
  - » learning disabilities
- Problem in adults under certain conditions



### Measuring Mercury For Human Health

Asians in particular, along with Indigenous peoples

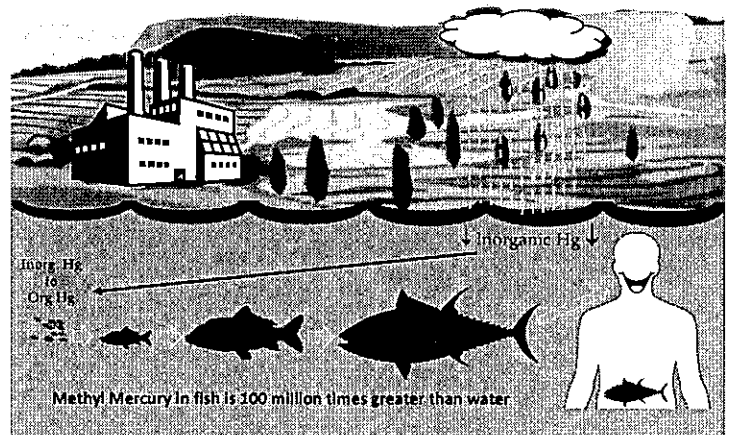
### Summary:

#### Why is it important to Monitor For Mercury?

- Human Health
- Health of Animals and Insects
- General Environmental Health, Hg Cycling in the Environment
- Policy Ramifications
  - Local regulations
  - Minamata Convention on Mercury
- Scientific/Research, cycling of metals

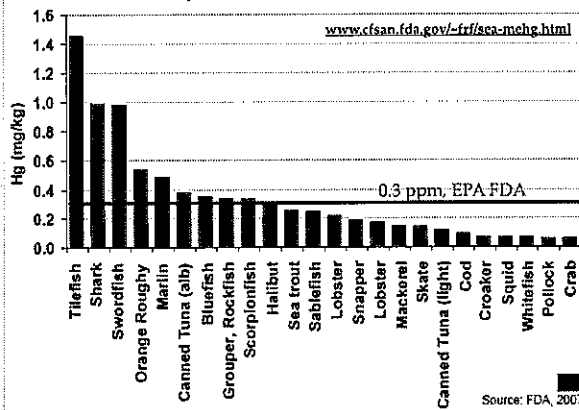
### Mercury is a health concern, particularly to children and developing fetuses

#### Human Health: Accumulation of Methyl Mercury in Fish and Shellfish

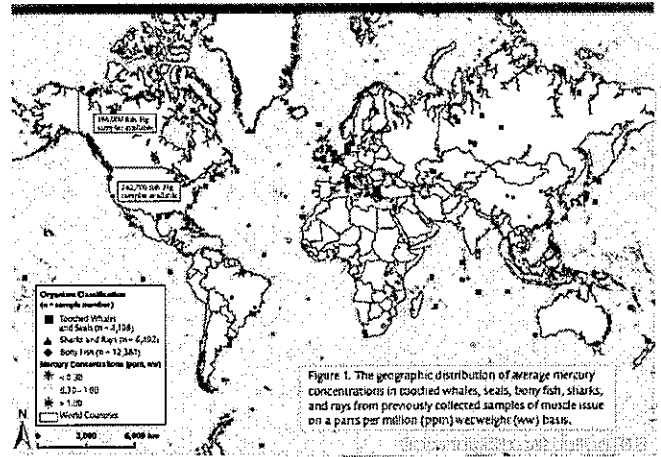


### Mercury exposure to humans is primarily through the consumption of fish

## FDA Reported National Hg Values



## Mercury in fish and marine mammals



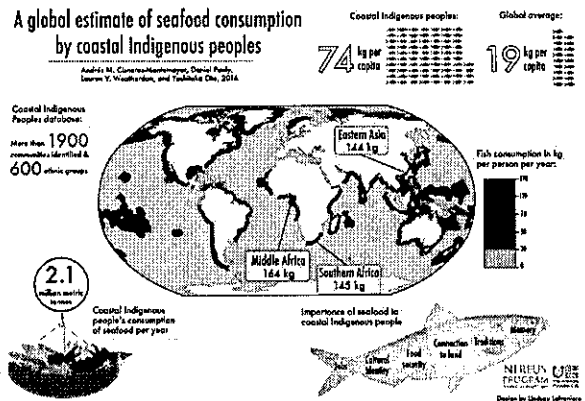
## Asian Fish Consumption is High and Growing

TABLE 15  
Per capita fish consumption (kg/person/year) in Asia and Europe

| Country                 | 1986       | 1990       | 1995       | 2000        | 2003        | Average growth (%) |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Bangladesh              | 7.0 (6.0)  | 7.0 (6.0)  | 8.0 (7.0)  | 11.0 (10.0) | 11.0 (9.0)  | 57 (83)            |
| China                   | 7.0 (2.0)  | 11.0 (4.0) | 20.0 (7.0) | 25.0 (10.0) | 25.0 (10.0) | 257 (400)          |
| India                   | 3.0 (1.0)  | 3.0 (1.0)  | 4.0 (2.0)  | 4.0 (2.0)   | 4.0 (2.0)   | 33 (100)           |
| Indonesia               | 13.0 (3.0) | 14.0 (3.0) | 17.0 (4.0) | 20.0 (4.0)  | 20.0 (4.0)  | 54 (33)            |
| Japan                   | 69.0 (4.0) | 71.0 (5.0) | 71.0 (5.0) | 67.0 (5.0)  | 66.0 (5.0)  | -4 (25)            |
| Myanmar                 | 14.0 (1.0) | 15.0 (1.0) | 14.0 (2.0) | 18.0 (2.0)  | 18.0 (3.0)  | 29 (200)           |
| Philippines             | 33.0 (3.0) | 36.0 (5.0) | 32.0 (4.0) | 29.0 (4.0)  | 28.0 (5.0)  | -15 (0)            |
| Thailand                | 20.0 (3.0) | 20.0 (4.0) | 33.0 (6.0) | 30.0 (7.0)  | 30.0 (7.0)  | 50 (133)           |
| Viet Nam                | 12.0 (3.0) | 13.0 (3.0) | 16.0 (5.0) | 19.0 (7.0)  | 17.0 (6.0)  | 42 (100)           |
| Asia                    | 10.0 (2.0) | 12.0 (3.0) | 16.0 (4.0) | 17.0 (6.0)  | 17.0 (6.0)  | 70 (200)           |
| South Asia              | 3.0 (1.0)  | 4.0 (2.0)  | 4.0 (2.0)  | 5.0 (3.0)   | 5.0 (3.0)   | 67 (200)           |
| East and Southeast Asia | 21.0 (3.0) | 22.0 (3.0) | 24.0 (4.0) | 25.0 (4.0)  | 25.0 (5.0)  | 19 (67)            |
| Europe                  | 18.0 (1.0) | 20.0 (1.0) | 19.0 (2.0) | 19.0 (2.0)  | 20.0 (2.0)  | 11 (100)           |
| Western Europe          | 21.0 (1.0) | 24.0 (1.0) | 25.0 (2.0) | 25.0 (2.0)  | 26.0 (2.0)  | 24 (100)           |
| Eastern Europe          | 8.0 (1.0)  | 6.0 (1.0)  | 6.0 (1.0)  | 7.0 (1.0)   | 8.0 (1.0)   | 0 (0)              |
| World                   | 12.0 (2.0) | 13.0 (2.0) | 15.0 (3.0) | 16.0 (4.0)  | 16.0 (4.0)  | 33 (100)           |

The number in parenthesis within the table denote freshwater fish consumption.  
Source: Adapted from Laurenti (2007).

## Fish Consumption High In Asia



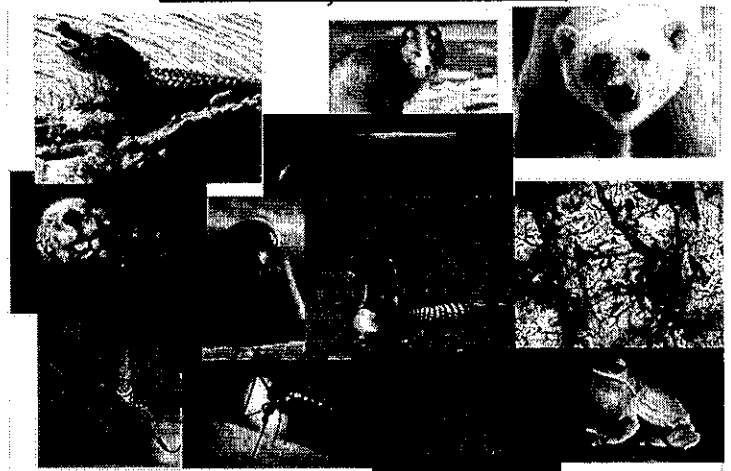
## Mercury is damaging to wildlife exposed to mercury

(eating within the same food chain)

## Impacts on wildlife include

- reduced reproduction,
  - changes to egg incubation times,
  - behavioral changes, and
  - neurological problems
- From Wright et al, 2018; *Aerosol and Air Quality Research*, 18: 1953–1992
- Immunotoxicity
  - nephrotoxicity
  - diminishes neurological capacity and neurobehavioral function
  - alters functioning of three major endocrine axes and impairs reproduction and
  - alters offspring quality
- From Eagles-Smith et al., 2018 *Ambio* 47, Issue 2, pp 170–197

## But it isn't just humans....



## Why

It Is Important To Monitor For Atmospheric Mercury

## Atmospheric Deposition is the key input of Mercury in water bodies

*Environ. Sci. Technol.* 2006, 40, 6261–6268

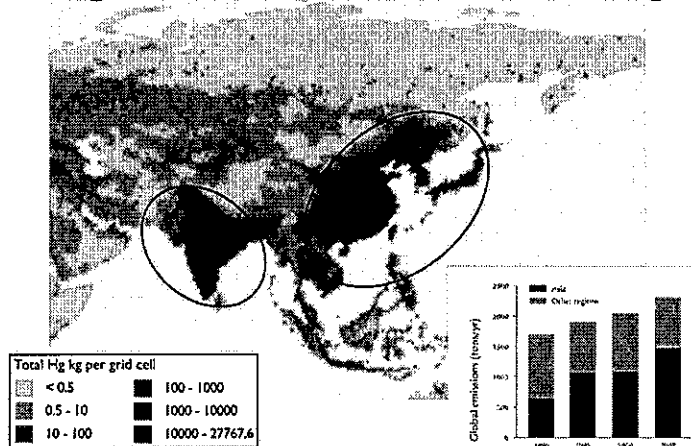
### **Mercury in Soils, Lakes, and Fish in Voyageurs National Park (Minnesota): Importance of Atmospheric Deposition and Ecosystem Factors**

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- Hg source to water bodies is overwhelmingly atmospheric deposition and anthropogenic

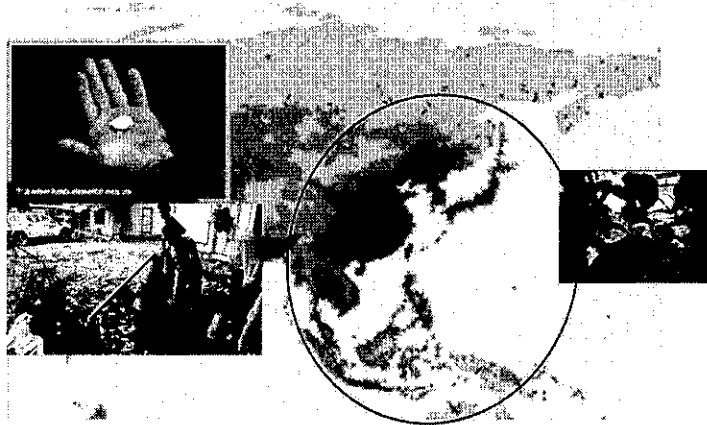
*"We conclude that nearly all of the mercury in fish in this seemingly pristine landscape was derived from atmospheric deposition, that most of this bioaccumulated mercury was from anthropogenic sources, and that both watershed and lacustrine factors exert important controls on the bioaccumulation of methylmercury."*

## Largest Emissions Area and Growing



## Asia is the world's largest atmospheric mercury source region

## Small Scale Artisanal Gold Mining?



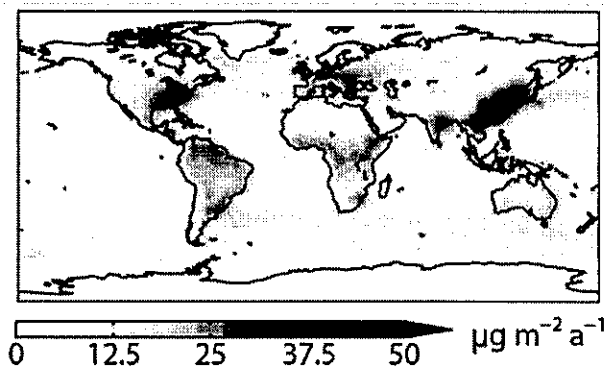
Mercury stays in the atmosphere for at least 6 months (as elemental)

so regardless of whether your country emits mercury, you are receiving mercury as wet and dry deposition.

A true global pollutant.....

## Estimated Global Wet Deposition of Mercury

Modelled Net Mercury Deposition, Corbitt et al, EST 2011



## Minamata Convention On Mercury

- 128 signatories, 95 ratifications
- Controls emissions and releases
- Calls for data and cooperative monitoring

## Responding to the Minamata Protocol



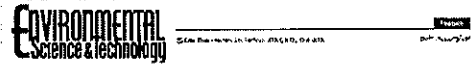


Many Asian Countries have signed onto this agreement

| Minimata Convention Participants (APMMN Area) | Signature Date | Ratification, et al |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| Afghanistan                                   |                | Feb-17              |
| Australia                                     | Oct-13         |                     |
| Bangladesh                                    | Oct-13         |                     |
| Cambodia                                      | Oct-13         |                     |
| Canada  | Oct-13         | Jul-17              |
| China   | Oct-13         | Aug-16              |
| India   | Sep-14         | Jun-18              |
| Indonesia                                     | Oct-13         | Sep-17              |
| Japan   | Oct-13         | Feb-16              |
| Korea (Republic of)                           | Sep-14         |                     |
| Laos People's Democratic Republic             |                | Sep-17              |
| Malaysia                                      | Sep-14         |                     |
| Mongolia                                      | Oct-13         | Sep-15              |
| Nepal   | Oct-13         |                     |
| New Zealand                                   | Oct-13         |                     |
| Philippines                                   | Oct-13         |                     |
| Samoa   | Oct-13         | Sep-15              |
| Singapore                                     | Oct-13         | Sep-17              |
| Sri Lanka                                     | Aug-14         | Jun-17              |
| Thailand                                      |                | Jun-17              |
| United States of America                      | Jun-13         | Nov-13              |
| Taiwan  | Sep-14         | Jun-17              |



## Brand New Article (on your data stick)

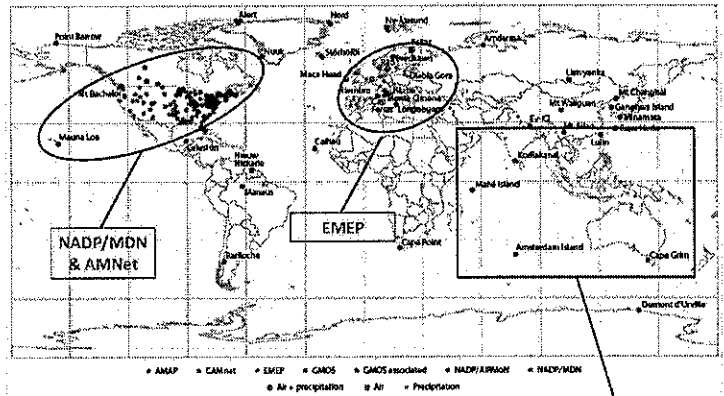


A Critical Time for Mercury Science to Inform Global Policy

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- Review of history to the Minamata Convention on Mercury and its aim to protect human health and the environment from human-generated Hg;
- Quick review of Mercury 2017 (ICMGP) in Providence Rhode Island;
- Human activities have the potential to enhance mercury methylation,
  - Larger scope changes driving alterations of mercury cycling, methylmercury bioavailability and trophic transfer due to climate and land use changes;
- Important policy and management actions are needed now to control Hg release including adequate monitoring and communication on risk from exposure to various forms of inorganic mercury as well as methylmercury from fish and rice consumption; and
- Successful management of global and local mercury pollution will require integration of mercury research and policy in a changing world.

## Few Long-Term Mercury Measurements Made in Asia

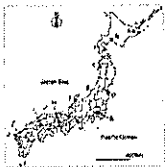


Currently, there is no long-term or background atmospheric Hg monitoring activity in SE Asia; few measurements in East Asia; limited accessible data; no regional network

Much of Asia Deposition is not currently being recorded or measured consistently

## Several East Asia Countries Have Monitoring Programs

- Korea – National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER)
- Japan – Dr. Maramoto, Dr. M. Sakata, et al, wet deposition
- Taiwan – Mt. Lulin and other stations – see work by Guey-Rong Sheu
- China - see work by Xinbin Feng, others
- Thailand = Dr. Hathairatana Garivait, part of APMMN
- Vietnam = Ms. Linh, part of APMMN

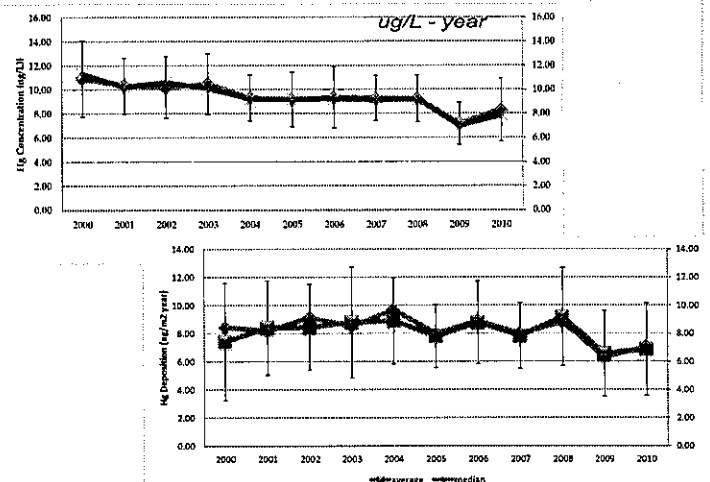


## Scientific Needs for Understanding the Mercury Problem

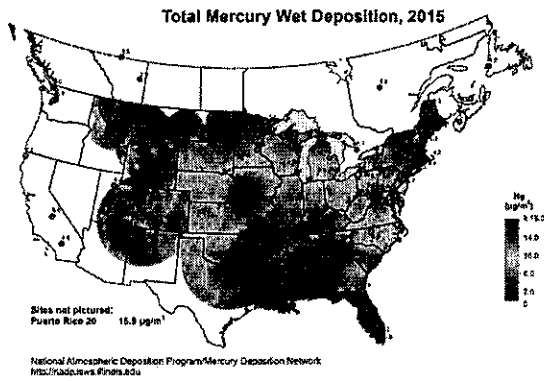
### Trends in Concentrations

- Measurements are needed..
  - to determine if deposition is being reduced
  - How fast deposition is being reduced
  - If deposition is going down in all areas
  - If fish concentrations are also being reduced
  - If human exposure is decreasing
- Mercury reduction is proceeding in some countries, and the Minamata Convention should continue this trend.

### Great Lakes Mercury Wet Concentration and Deposition

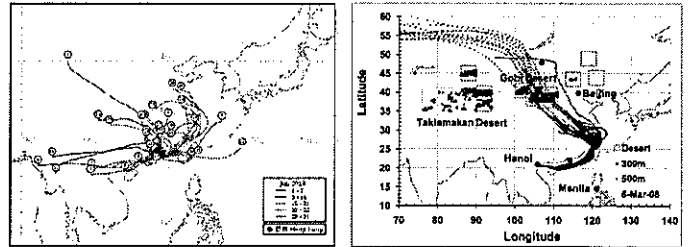


## Determining Rates of Deposition over Space

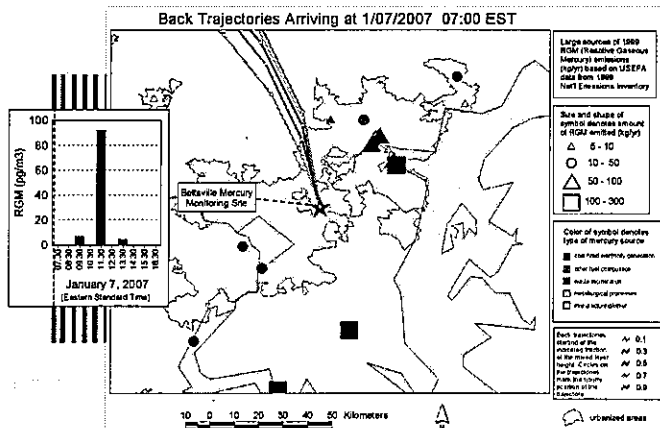


Given Measurements, you can determine where the Hg comes from...

Local  
regional  
or global



## Impacts of Mercury Emitting Sources



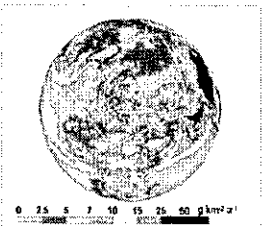
- All Scientists need sound measurements from everywhere, particularly in Asia
  - To understand the global problem...
  - To run global models...
  - To track results of the Minamata Convention



Fig. 3.3.3. Spatial distribution of mercury deposition over a global area in 2010. White rectangles show locations of the EMGP stations.

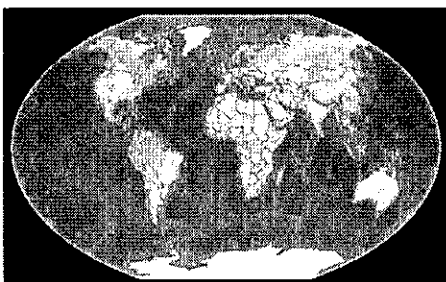
## The Value of Monitoring

- Using same methods!!!
  - "apples to apples"
  - on a global basis
  - Harmonization of measurements
- Long term monitoring is required to see small changes.
- Sharing Data
  - We need global data to understand a global pollutant
  - Working together is the best way forward
- Understand the problem through science
- Is Policy Working?
  - Put legislation in place
  - But is it working
  - Is the problem improving

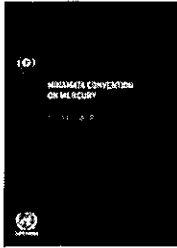


## Strength in Network Design

The Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network could provide these measurements!



# Minamata Convention: Perspectives on the Monitoring and Effectiveness Evaluation Plans



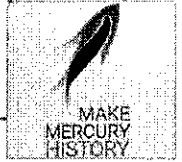
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## Objectives of the convention

To protect the human health and environment from anthropogenic emissions and release of mercury and mercury compounds

- ✓ October 2013, the Minamata Convention on Mercury opened for signature and was signed by 128 governments
- ✓ Canada ratified and became a Party April 7, 2017
- ✓ **Convention come into force August 16, 2017**
- ✓ First Conference of the Parties (COP1) September 2017
- ✓ Convention comprises of 35 articles



## Ad hoc Group of Mercury Experts

### First Conference of the Parties (COP1)

- Agreed to: Create an ad hoc group of experts to provide the COP with recommendations for arrangements for comparable monitoring data, and the elements of an effectiveness evaluation framework (*article 22*)

The ad hoc expert group was given a mandate by the COP

## Mandate

- a) Develop monitoring arrangements, taking into account the experience of other multilateral environmental agreements, including the Stockholm Convention, for consideration by the COP at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- b) Develop elements of an effectiveness evaluation framework, taking into account the experience under other multilateral environmental agreements, including the Stockholm Convention, for consideration by the COP at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, inter alia.
- c) Prepare a report on its work for submission to the COP for consideration at its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, including recommendations on monitoring arrangements and effectiveness evaluation.

### a) Mandate continued

- i. An outline of the types of data that could be comparable on a global basis, as well as their availability;
- ii. A draft plan for future monitoring may be done by:
  - a. Reviewing existing monitoring programmes
  - b. Assess if the existing monitoring is sufficient to meet our needs;
  - c. Be practical about what kinds of data we will need;
  - d. Identify how we can model mercury to assess changes in mercury levels within and across different media;
  - e. Identify how we define a baseline;
  - f. Identify how the monitoring can be used for EE

### b/c) Mandate continued

- ~~b) Develop elements of an effectiveness evaluation framework by:
 
  - i. Identifying the steps required to undertake an effectiveness evaluation;
  - ii. Suggesting a process flow (schedule) for the effectiveness evaluation planning;
  - iii. Identifying arrangements for conducting the effectiveness evaluation;
  - iv. Drafting terms of reference for the committee developing the first effectiveness evaluation;
  - v. Assessing potential approaches to the development of performance indicators~~
- c) Prepare a report

## March 4-9, 2018 Ottawa, Canada



## Ad hoc expert group

Presentations by each expert on their role, expertise and information from country/region

- Group 1: Monitoring Program
- Group 2: Effectiveness Evaluation of the treaty

Article by Article recommendations on what information could be used to evaluate effectiveness

- Submitted report June 2018
- Out for public consultation
- UNEP review and prepare for COP2 (November 2018)
- Results presented to COP2 for discussion/negotiation

## Report

- Comparable monitoring data on a global basis
  - Air, Biota and Human tissue
  - Air (total gaseous mercury and wet deposition)
  - Humans (scalp hair and cord blood)
  - Biota (3 types of outcomes: human exposure (HE), environmental health (EH), temporal trends (TT))
- Review of existing monitoring
  - Air (GMOS, EMEP, APMMN, AMAP, ECCC-AMM, NADP, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, China, Norway)

**Initial assessment:** The data available through existing monitoring programs partially meets the needs for monitoring under Article 22 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; however, a number of limitations and gaps were identified.

## Monitoring Gaps

- There is not coverage of air levels in:
  - Africa
  - Latin America
  - Parts of Asia
  - Australia and New Zealand (the Pacific)
  - The Caribbean
- Asia is the largest source region for Hg and is the worlds largest fish consumers; so, important to fill these gaps

## Cost effective considerations

- Air:
  - Use and build upon current networks and methodologies
  - Engage countries where expertise exists
  - Employ passive mercury samplers to fill gaps at lower costs
  - Canadian passive sampler
    - Now employed in the Arctic network
    - Being used in South American network
    - Will be deployed at GAPS global network sites
    - Is being considered in APMMN
  - Link databases together to have one stop where anyone can find the data but maintain regional work (GOS<sup>4</sup>M)

## Modelling capabilities

- Air – we are in good shape
  - GEOS-Chem
  - GLEMOC
  - ECHMERIT
  - CMAQ-Hg
  - WRF/Chem-Hg
  - GEM-MACH-Hg
- ✓ Several intercomparisons have been done
- ✓ Will be able to assess levels going up or down
- ✓ Will be able to assess source receptor relationships
- ✓ Will be able to look at transboundary transport

## Defining a baseline

The baseline can be considered as the state of knowledge

- A lot of mercury data exists - should we use only existing data??
- We need to determine which media will be used (TGM and wet)
- Significant time variability in current data sets
- Should we consider the date of entry into force? Should we consider the date of the 1<sup>st</sup> EE assessment? Should it be a random date?

Currently there is not a formal process under the convention to establish a baseline within the COP

So...?

## Overall effectiveness evaluation : Potential indicators for individual articles of the Convention

| Article                      | Potential indicators  | Potential source of information   | Discussion   |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Overall Indicators/Article 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outcome indicator</li> <li>• Whole set of analytical assessment of the whole set of article-by-article indicators</li> <li>• Further indicators will be considered</li> </ul>                        |   |  |
| Article 2                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Process indicator</li> <li>• Total number of primary Hg mines</li> <li>• Total amount of Hg mined from primary mercury mines</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 23 reports</li> <li>• UNEP reports on supply and trade</li> <li>• Project reports</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data on non-parties are important</li> </ul>  |
|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Process indicator</li> <li>• Number of parties that have developed an inventory of stocks and sources of mercury</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 23 reports</li> </ul>  |  |
|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Process indicator</li> <li>• Number of parties that have excess Hg from Chlor Alkali</li> <li>• Number of parties that have taken measures that such mercury is subject to final disposal</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Article 23 reports</li> <li>• Report to other relevant chemicals and waste MEAs</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Also see indicators on trade and waste</li> </ul>   |
|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outcome indicator</li> <li>• Amount of Hg traded (broken down for specific purposes)</li> <li>Process indicator</li> <li>• Number of parties trading in mercury</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collected REC Purposes</li> <li>• Article 23 reports</li> <li>• UNE trade data</li> <li>• ASGM NADP</li> <li>• UNEP supply and trade report</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can compare the amount of legally traded Hg with other data, e.g. Hg use in ASGM, and Hg in illegal trade and disposal. - link with other articles</li> </ul> |

## Recommendations put to the COP

- Develop a global monitoring plan (including recommendations in regard to the gaps in available information)
- For air, a combination of both active and passive sampling and wet deposition (where feasible)
- Encourage Parties to develop and improve research to include and validate models (include gaps i.e. ASGM)

Final recommendation...

## How does monitoring fit into assessing how effective the convention is?

| Article   | Description of how global monitoring data (air, human, biota) can contribute to evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention:   |
|---|--|
| Article 1<br>Objective of the convention                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level of mercury in air, human and biota</li> <li>Attribution of levels of Hg in environment and human from anthropogenic emissions and releases estimated by modelling information</li> </ul>            |
| Article 7<br>ASGM   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mercury levels in humans (note that for miners, urine mercury may be appropriate)</li> <li>Mercury levels in fish and other biota downstream of ASGM activities</li> <li>Mercury levels in air</li> </ul> |
| Article 8<br>Emissions                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mercury levels in ambient air</li> <li>Mercury levels in biota to consider local impacts and long-range transport</li> </ul>  |
| Article 12<br>Contaminated sites                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mercury levels in air, human and biota</li> </ul>   |
| Article 18<br>Public information, awareness and education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of parties that have public information on mercury levels in air, humans and biota</li> </ul>  |
| Article 19<br>Research, development and monitoring        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of parties that cooperate to develop and improve information available for inclusion in the global monitoring report (including through existing data sources)</li> </ul>                          |

## Proposed schedule for effectiveness evaluation

| Year      | Available Information  | Monitoring  | Effectiveness evaluation  |
|-----------|--|---|---|
| 2017      | Entry into force, COP1   |   |   |
| 2018 COP2 | GMA<br>Most MIAs completed   | COP2 considers result of intersessional work and how to address gaps and organize future monitoring including organizational arrangements | COP2 considers result of intersessional work and considers how to establish EE framework  |
| 2019 COP3 | Article 21 reporting: First biennial short report by 31 Dec                                  | Approve monitoring arrangements, including timeline for submission of data  | EE framework adopted<br>EE committee members nominated  |
| 2020      | First NAP submission starts<br>Submission on release source categories                       |   |   |
| 2021 COP4 | Article 21 reporting: First full report by 31 Dec  | COP4 initiates the first monitoring report, which will feed into effectiveness evaluation   | All Stage 1 reports to be submitted to the Secretariat (except for global monitoring report)                                    |
| 2022      | Article 21 national reports compiled.<br>Emission/ release inventories start to be submitted | Prepare monitoring report and submission to EE group to feed into EE report - to address Art 22 para 2 in facilitating the evaluation     | June: stage 1 completed<br>December: Secretariat to develop preliminary analysis.<br>Committee meets to review the information. |
| 2023 COP5 | Biennial report<br>NAP review  | COP5 welcomes monitoring report.  | COP5 welcomes EE report.  |

## Path Forward

- Present report to the COP in November
- Parties will negotiate the new path forward
- Continue to inform APMMN to ensure inclusion and input to the global monitoring plan
- Lead to the success of the goals of the Minamata Convention – reduce global mercury

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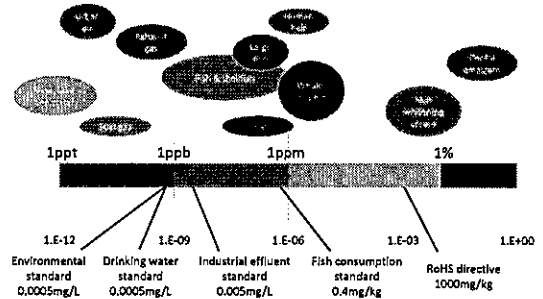
*Thank you!*

## Outlines of Minamata Convention

| Article  | Description  |
|--|--|
| Preamble                                       | Recall risk of mercury, recognize substantial lessons of Minamata disease  |
| Objective (Article 1)                          | Protect human health and environment from anthropogenic emission and releases of mercury and mercury compounds                       |
| Supply and trade (Article 3)                   | Regulate mercury mining and international trade  |
| Mercury-added products (Article 4)             | Regulate manufacturing, import, export of mercury-added products (batteries, switches, lamps, thermometers, sphygmomanometers, etc.) |
| Manufacturing process (Article 5)              | Regulate mercury use in specific manufacturing processes   |
| ASGM (Article 7)                               | Mercury use reduction in artisanal and small-scale gold mining   |
| Emissions, releases (Article 8, 9)             | Regulate atmospheric emissions, releases to water and soil   |
| Interim storage (Article 10)                   | Environmentally sound interim storage of mercury and mercury compounds   |
| Mercury waste (Article 11)                     | Environmentally sound management of mercury waste  |
| Contaminated sites (Article 12)                | Identify and assess sites contaminated by mercury and mercury compounds  |
| Finance, technical assistance (Article 13, 14) | Financial sources and mechanism, technical assistance and capacity building  |
| Research, development, monitoring (Article 15) | Cooperation for developing and improving inventories, monitoring, modelling, impact assessment                                       |
| Reporting (Article 21)                         | Report on measures taken to implement the provisions of the Convention   |
| Effectiveness evaluation (Article 22)          | Evaluate the effectiveness of the Convention   |

## Mercury Levels in Various Media

- Emissions standards: 5 emission categories (Annex D)
- Mercury waste thresholds: under discussions in COP (Article 11)
- Mercury-added products: mercury levels for products (Annex A)

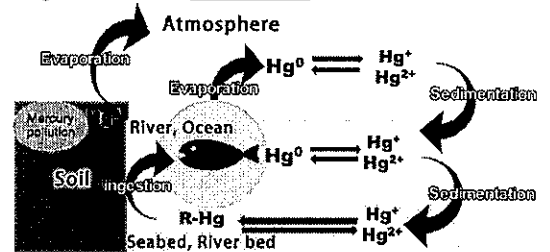


## Annex A Part I: Mercury-added Products

| Types of products   | Description  |
|---|--|
| Batteries   | Zinc silver oxide: >=2%; zinc air: >=2%                                    |
| Switches and relays   | Very high accuracy: >20mg  |
| Compact fluorescent lamps for general lighting  | <= 30watts: >5mg   |
| Linear fluorescent lamps for general lighting   | Triband phosphor < 60watts: >5mg, Halophosphate phosphor <= 40watts: >10mg |
| High pressure mercury vapour lamps for general lighting                                     | All  |
| Cold cathode fluorescent lamps, external electrode fluorescent lamps for electronic display | <= 500mm: >3.5mg, >500mm and <=1500mm: 5mg, >1500mm: >13mg                 |
| Cosmetics   | >1ppm  |
| Pesticides, biocides, topical antiseptics   | All  |
| Non-electronic measuring devices  | Barometers, hygrometers, manometers, thermometers, sphygmomanometers       |

## Fate of Mercury in the Environment

- Mercury is released to the environment from various sources including natural ones in various forms.



- As it does not decompose but circulates globally and may impact wild biota and human by accumulating via food web, global actions to reduce anthropogenic emissions are necessary.

## Comparison Article 19 vs Article 22

| Article 19: Research, Development and Monitoring  | Article 22: Effectiveness Evaluation  |
|---|---|
| Responsible subject: <b>Parties</b>   | Responsible subject: <b>Conference of Parties</b>   |
| ○ <b>Shall endeavour to cooperate</b> to develop and improve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inventories</li> <li>- Modelling and geographically representative monitoring</li> <li>- Assessment of impact on human health and environment</li> <li>- Harmonized methodologies for activities</li> <li>- Information</li> </ul>                   | ○ <b>Shall evaluate</b> the effectiveness of this convention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Shall initiate</b> the establishment of arrangements for providing itself with comparable monitoring data</li> <li>○ The evaluation <b>shall be conducted</b> on the basis of available scientific, environmental, technical, financial and economic information</li> </ul> |
| ○ <b>Should build</b> on existing monitoring networks and research programmes.  |   |
| ***modelling and geographically representative monitoring of levels of mercury and mercury compounds in <b>vulnerable populations</b> and in <b>environmental media</b> , including <b>biotic media</b> such as fish, marine mammals, sea turtles and birds, as well as collaboration in the collection and exchange of relevant and appropriate samples*** | ***arrangements for providing itself with comparable monitoring data on the presence and movement of mercury and mercury compounds in the <b>environment</b> as well as trends in levels of mercury and mercury compounds observed in <b>biotic media</b> and <b>vulnerable populations</b> ***   |
| Eligible to GEF   | Not eligible to GEF   |

# Overview on the effort to monitor Mercury and other Air Pollutants in the Philippines

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## Air Quality Guideline Values under Philippine Clean Air Act (RA 8749) & its IRR DAO2000-81

National Ambient Air Quality Guideline Values

| Pollutants                         | Short Term            |      |                       | Long Term             |      |                     |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------|---------------------|
|                                    | µg/m <sup>3</sup>     | ppm  | Average Time          | µg/m <sup>3</sup>     | ppm  | Average Time        |
| Suspended Particulate Matter - TSP | 230 <sup>a</sup>      | -    | 24 hours              | 50                    | -    | 1 year <sup>b</sup> |
| PM-10                              | 150 <sup>a</sup>      | -    | 24 hours              | 50                    | -    | 1 year <sup>b</sup> |
| Sulfur Dioxide <sup>c</sup>        | 180                   | 0.07 | 24 hours              | 50                    | 0.03 | 1 year              |
| Nitrogen Dioxide                   | 150                   | 0.08 | 24 hours              | -                     | -    | -                   |
| Photochemical Oxidants as Ozone    | 140                   | 0.07 | 1 hour                | -                     | -    | -                   |
| Carbon Monoxide                    | 35 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> | 30   | 1 hour                | 10 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> | 9    | 8 hours             |
| Lead <sup>d</sup>                  | 1.5                   | -    | 3 months <sup>e</sup> | 1.0                   | -    | 1 year              |

(a) The applicable methods for sampling and measurement of the above pollutants are as follows:

- TSP, PM-10 - High Volume - Gravimetric, USEPA 40 CFR, Part 50, Appendix B also Volume with 10 micron particle size filter, Gravimetric, USEPA 40 CFR, Part 50, Appendix J
- Sulfur Dioxide or Nitrogen Dioxide Method - Flame Photometric Detector, USEPA 40 CFR, Part 50, Appendix A - Gas Bubble Oxidation-Saltzman or Chemiluminescence
- Ozone Method - USEPA 40 CFR, Part 50, Appendix F - Nephelometric Oxidation (NO) or Chemiluminescence
- Carbon Monoxide - Non-Dispersive Infra-Red Spectrophotometry (NDIR), USEPA 40 CFR, Part 50, Appendix C
- Lead - High Volume and Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry, USEPA 40 CFR, Part 50, Appendix D

(b) An analyzer based on the principles and methods cited above will be considered a reference method only if it has been designated as a reference method in accordance with 40 CFR, Part 50.

## Ambient Air Quality Standards for Source Specific Air Pollutants under Philippine Clean Air Act (RA 8749) DAO-2000-81

National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Source Specific Air Pollutants from Industrial Sources/Operations

| Pollutants   | Concentrations - µg/m <sup>3</sup> | ppm  | Average Time | Method of Analysis/Measurement                       |
|--|------------------------------------|------|--------------|--|
| Acetone  | 200                                | 0.28 | 30           | Gas chromatization / Infrared Phenol                 |
| Chlorine and Chlorine compounds expressed as Cl <sub>2</sub> | 100                                | 0.03 | 30           | Traps and Method                                     |
| Formaldehyde   | 50                                 | 0.04 | 30           | Methyl Orange  |
| Hydrogen Sulfide   | 200                                | 0.33 | 30           | Chromotropic Acid method or MBTH Colorimetric method |
| Hydrogen Sulfide   | 100                                | 0.07 | 30           | Yorshard Method with Lead-acetate solution           |
| Lead   | 20                                 | -    | 30           | Methylene Blue                                       |
| Nitrogen Dioxide   | 275                                | 0.20 | 30           | Lead   |
| Phenol   | 200                                | 0.24 | 30           | Lead   |
| Sulfur Dioxide   | 470                                | 0.18 | 30           | Lead   |
| Suspended Particulate Matter - TSP                           | 300                                | -    | 30           | Gravimetric  |
| TSP  | 300                                | -    | 30           | Gravimetric  |
| Zinc   | 0.03 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>            | -    | 30           | AAFS   |
| Cadmium  | 0.01 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>            | -    | 30           | AAFS   |
| Asbestos   | 5 x 10 <sup>3</sup>                | -    | 30           | Light Microscopy                                     |
| Particulate/Matter cover 5 micrometer in size                | -                                  | -    | 30           | Light Microscopy                                     |
| Sulfuric Acid  | 0.4 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>             | -    | 30           | Titration  |
| Nitric Acid  | 0.4 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>             | -    | 30           | Titration  |

## Emission Standards for Source Specific Air Pollutants under Philippine Clean Air Act (RA 8749) DAO2000-81

National Emission Standards for Source Specific Air Pollutants (NEI SAs)

| Pollutants                         | Standard              | Applicable to | Method of Analysis/Measurement | Method of Analysis/Measurement |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Acetylene and its Compounds        | Any source            | 10 to 50      | AAFS                           | AAFS or per sampling method    |
| Acetone and its Compounds          | Any source            | 10 to 50      | AAFS                           | AAFS or per sampling method    |
| Carbon Monoxide                    | Any industrial source | 100 to 1000   | AAFS                           | AAFS or per sampling method    |
| Copper and its Compounds           | Any industrial source | 100 to 1000   | AAFS                           | AAFS or per sampling method    |
| Hydrogen Sulfide and its Compounds | Any source            | 10 to 50      | AAFS                           | AAFS or per sampling method    |
| Lead                               | Any source            | 10 to 50      | AAFS                           | AAFS or per sampling method    |
| Mercury                            | Any source            | 10 to 50      | AAFS                           | AAFS or per sampling method    |

Limits for Metals, Chlorides and Furans - Treatment Facilities Using Non-Burn Technologies

| Compound   | Limit | Average Value                 |
|--|-------|-------------------------------|
| Chromium and its compounds, expressed as chromium (Cr) | -     | total 0.05 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> |
| Mercury and its compounds, expressed as mercury (Hg)   | -     | 0.05 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>       |
| Lead and its compounds, expressed as lead (Pb)         | -     | total 0.5 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>  |
| Other metals and compounds, expressed as metal (M)     | -     | total 0.5 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>  |

## Policies in Hg Chemical Control and as Waste

DECR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 39 Series 41/97

Subject: CHEMICAL CONTROL ORDER FOR MERCURY AND MERCURY COMPOUNDS

Series 1. Legal Authority

The Chemical Control Order (CCO) is being issued for the control of mercury and mercury compounds under Republic Act 8749 and DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 20, Series of 1992.

The measures and provisions contained in the CCO are in addition to all the other requirements of Title II and Title III of DAO 20 as they pertain to the importation, manufacture, distribution and use of mercury and mercury compounds and the storage, transport, and disposal of such wastes.

Series 2. Policy

It is the policy of DENR to enhance health and safety by reducing the exposure to mercury and mercury compounds and to encourage the use of mercury-free alternatives.

Series 3. Definition & Rationale



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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 1413, s. 96

Subject: REFINED PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTES (REVIZING DAO 2004-36)

| Class                          | Description  | Waste Number |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Chromium compounds*            | Includes all wastes with a total Cr concentration > 5 mg/L based on analysis of an extract.  | 13405        |
| Lead compounds*                | Includes all wastes with a total Pb concentration > 1 mg/L based on analysis of an extract.  | 13416        |
| Mercury and mercury compounds* | Includes all wastes with a total Hg concentration > 0.1 mg/L based on analysis of an extract. These also include organomercury compounds, under the CCO. | 13407        |

## Efforts to monitor Ambient Air Mercury (Hg) Monitoring

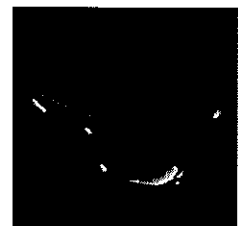
Mercury is one of the most potent neurotoxins

It bioaccumulates in food chain, inorganic and ionic mercury can convert to methyl mercury.

Sub-ppt levels in air can accumulate to toxic ppm levels in fish

Mercury in air; Elemental (GEM), Reactive (RGM), Particulate Bound (PBM)

Minamata Convention and APMN



## Wet Deposition Mercury Sampler

Turn Over Ceremony, DENR-EMB, AQMTC

March 7, 2013

## Technical Assistance / Training to operate the Hg Deposition Sampler (US-EPA, EPAT, TECO)

June 27-28, 2013



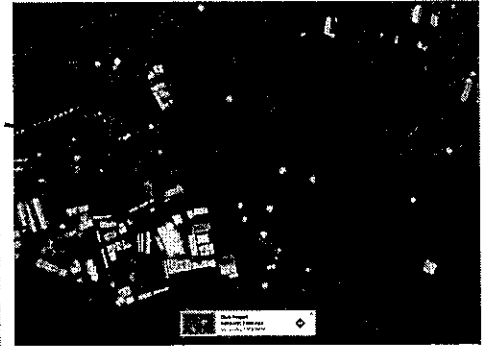


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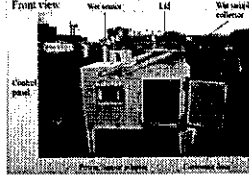
Urban Area Station, Clark , Angeles

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- Commitment of the Philippines to the Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network (APMMN)
- To be located beside the EU SWITCH Clark, Pampanga Ambient Air Monitoring Station



Wet-only precipitation collector-MIC type



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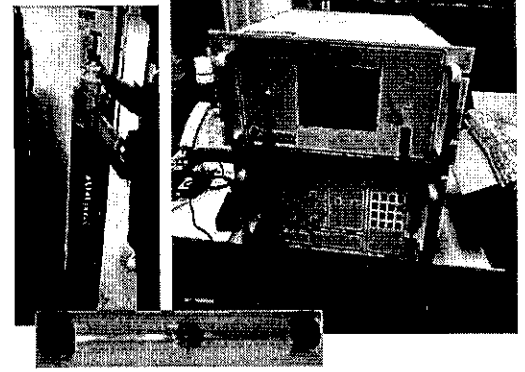
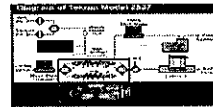
## Efforts in Mercury Monitoring in Coal Fired Power Plants , Mining Sites other Contaminated and Background Areas



## Tekran 2537X 1130A

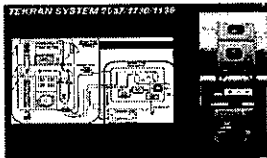
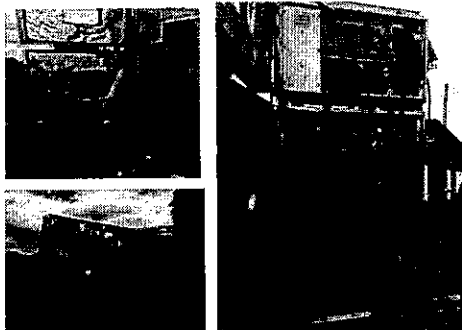
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Analyte: TGM (Total Gaseous Mercury)  
Principle: Gold preconcentration with atomic fluorescence detection.  
Sensitivity: < 0.1 ng/m3 (5 min samples)  
Dual channel gold trapping for uninterrupted sampling  
Pure Gold as Hg Adsorbent



## Tekran 1135-Particulate Hg Monitor

Allows simultaneously monitor particulate bound mercury ( $Hg^p$ ), elemental mercury ( $Hg^0$ ) and reactive gaseous mercury (RGM) in ambient air.



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## Taiwan Assistance in operating Tekran 2537X and 1130

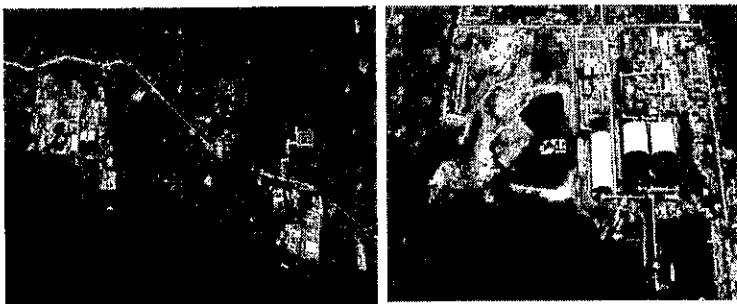


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## Proposed Location of the TEKRAN 2537X, 1135 in Coal Fired Power Plants in Calaca, Batangas

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## Mercury Monitoring in Mining site

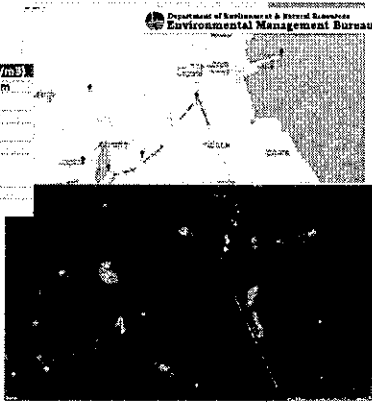
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August 16 – 19 2017





## Sampling Site Locations

| Site  | Total Gaseous Mercury (in ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) |         |
|---|---|---------|
|   | Minimum                                       | Maximum |
| Sta. Lourdes National High School           | 0.82  | 1.73    |
| Sanitary Landfill                           | 1.48  | 2.84    |
| Pit Lake                                    | 2.67  | 5.84    |
| Basketball Court, Purok Matahimik           | 3.05  | 5.77    |
| Basketball Court, Tagbuos-Bawean Road Plaza | 2.26  | 3.1     |
| Sta. Lourdes, Honda Bay Wharf               | 2.35  | 3.09    |
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## Equipment Setup



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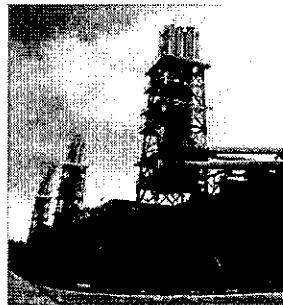
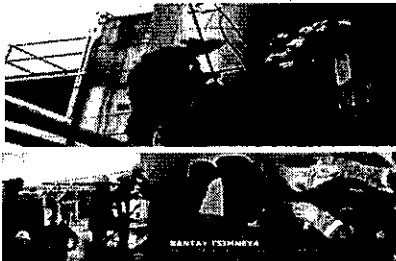
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## Atmospheric Mercury monitoring by gold amalgamation trap



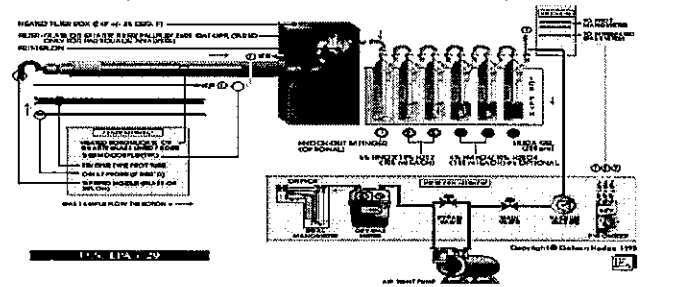
## Management of Stationary Sources

- US EPA Stack Emission Testing Methods



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## Point Source Monitoring in Coal Fired Power Plants ( US EPA Method 29 ,101-A)



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## Coal Analysis in a Coal-fired Power Plant

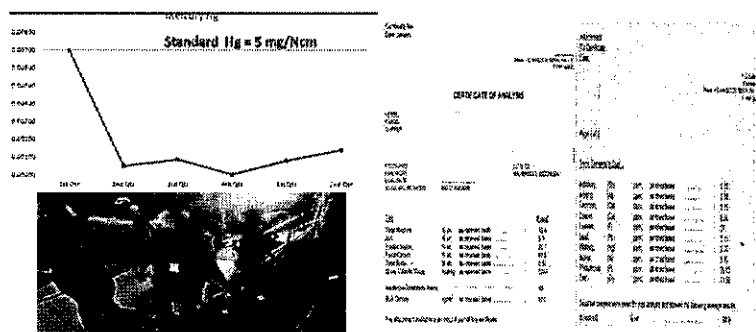
### Parameter

|                    | Indonesian HHV Coal | Indonesian Indonesia |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Ash (%)            | 5.39                | 2.31                 |
| Sulfur (S)         | 0.66                | 0.11                 |
| Moisture (%)       | 15.15               | 2.31                 |
| Fixed Carbon ( C ) | 43.48               | 27.7                 |
| Mercury (Hg) ppm   | 0.04                | 0.02                 |
| Mercury (Hg) %     | 3.86E-06            | 1.95E-06             |

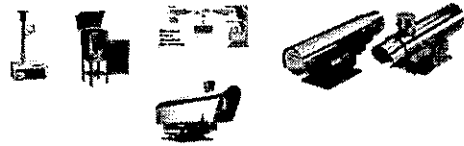
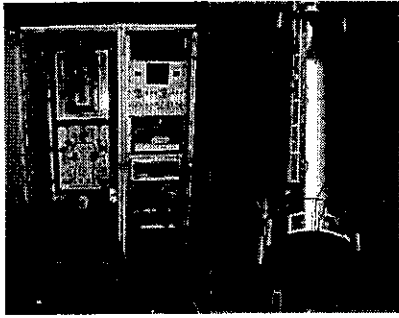
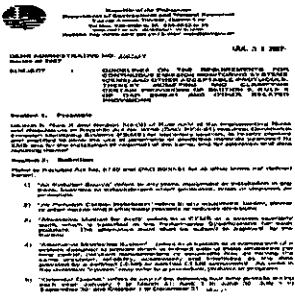
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## STACK EMISSION MONITORING IN A COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT

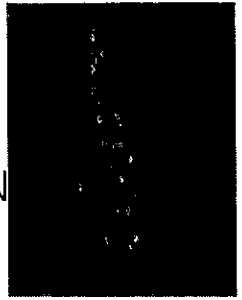


# Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS) US EPA Performance Specifications (PS)



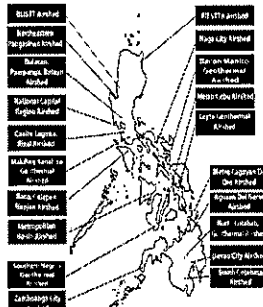
## AIR QUALITY MONITORING NETWORK

- National Air Quality Monitoring Network
- Total Suspended Particulates (TSP)
- Particulate Matter 10 & 2.5
- Gaseous Air Pollutants (SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>)



## Airsheds in the Philippines

Under the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999, the DENR is mandated to designate AIRSHED within the entire country.



## National Air Quality Monitoring Network

| Station Type  | Parameter   | NCR | OUTSIDE NCR |
|---|---|-----|-------------|
| MANUAL Total Suspended Particulates                     | NCR   | 7   |             |
|   | OUTSIDE NCR   |     | 12          |
| MANUAL Particulate Matter 10                            | NCR   | 5   |             |
|   | OUTSIDE NCR   |     | 25          |
| MANUAL Particulate Matter 2.5                           | NCR   | 0   |             |
|   | OUTSIDE NCR   |     | 2           |
| Continuous Ambient Air Monitoring Station               | Monitors Particulate Matter 10 (PM10), Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5) and Meteorological Data (CAMS)  | NCR | 2           |
|   | OUTSIDE NCR   | 11  | 12          |
| Continuous Ambient Air Monitoring Station (DOAS)        | Monitors Particulate Matter 10 (PM10) and 2.5 (PM2.5), Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ), Photochemical Oxidants as Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> ), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Meteorological Data and other gases such as Benzene, Xylene and Toluene | NCR | 7           |
|   | OUTSIDE NCR   |     | 13          |
| Continuous Ambient Air Monitoring Station (Generalized) | Monitors Particulate Matter 10 (PM10) and 2.5 (PM2.5), Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ), Photochemical Oxidants as Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> ), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Meteorological Data   | NCR | 2           |
|   | OUTSIDE NCR   |     | 2           |

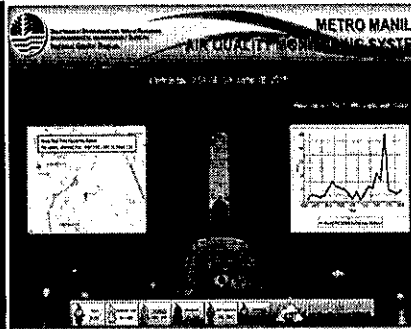
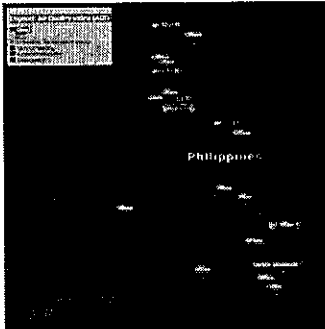
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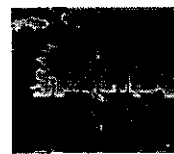
## AIR QUALITY SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES PER TYPE AND POLLUTANTS MONITORED

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### 1. Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQMS) – PM10/2.5



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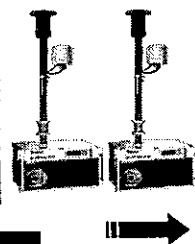
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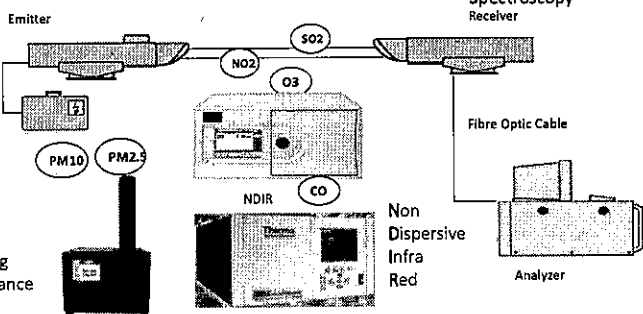
Beta Attenuation Monitor



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### 2. Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQMS) – Open Path Stations

Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance

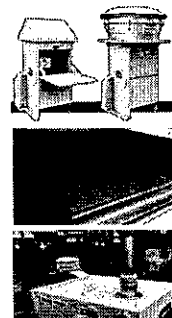
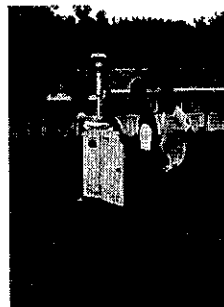


Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy Receiver

Non Dispersive Infra Red

Analyzer

### 3. Manual TSP/PM10 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station



## HI VOLUME SAMPLER

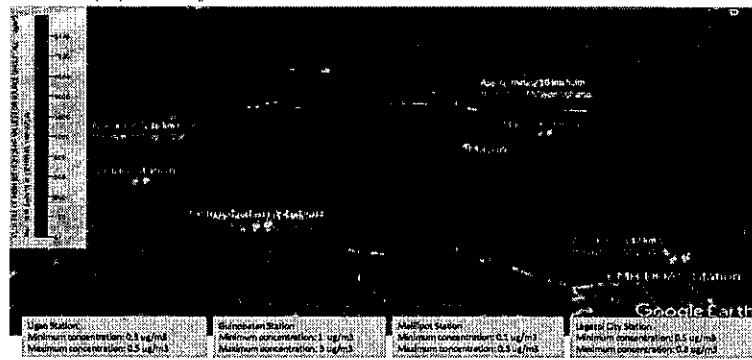
The sampler uses a continuous duty blower to suck in an air stream. When fitted with a particle size classifier, it separates particles greater than 10µm size from the air stream. The air stream is then passed through a filter paper to collect particles lesser than 10µm size (PM10). Gravimetric measurements yield values of suspended particulate matter (SPM), as the sum of the two fractions, and PM10, the material retained on the filter paper.

Actual Ambient Air Quality Monitoring and Predicted (AERMOD Ver.5.5) Concentration of Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) 24-Hour Average

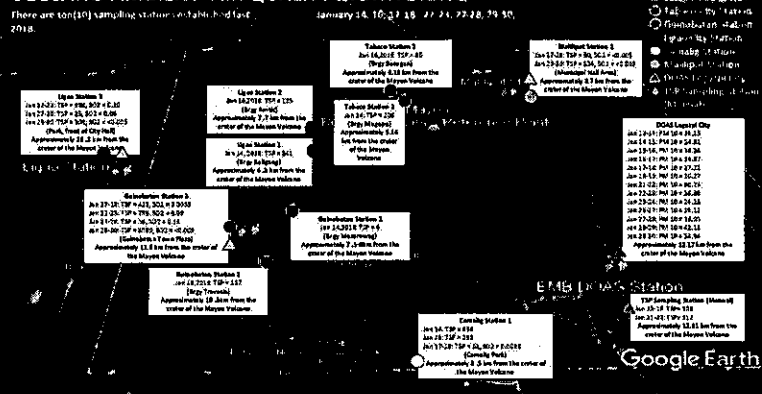


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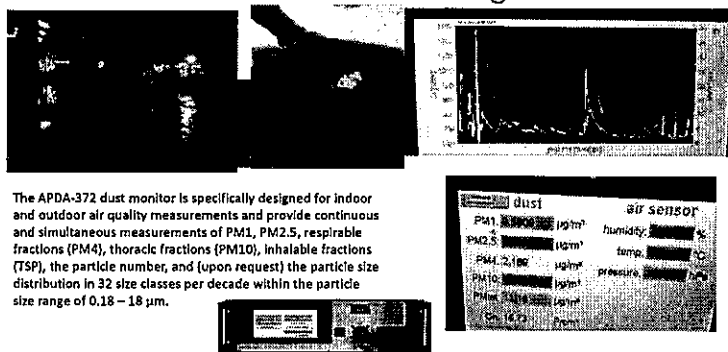
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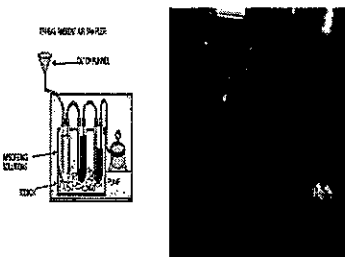
### VOLCANO AMBIENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING



### Volcano Ambient PM Monitoring



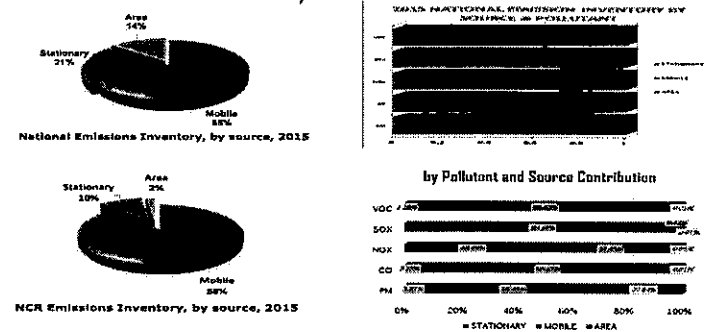
### 4. Gaseous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQMS) –



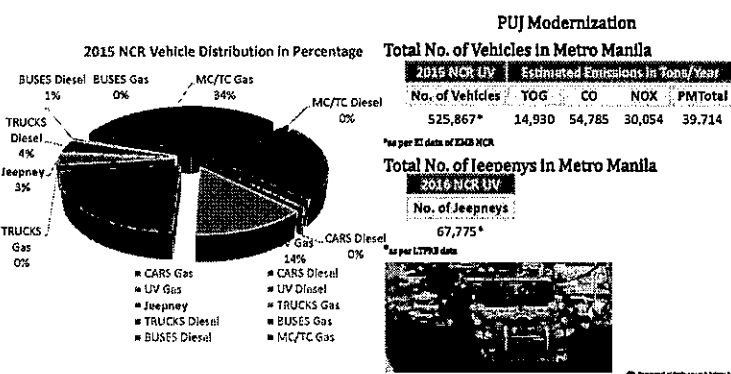
### TRI GAS AMBIENT AIR SAMPLER

- Used for gaseous sampling procedures. It has absorbers with bubblers in series. An air pump is connected which is capable of drawing at least 0.2 to 2.5 L/min of air for 60 min.
- Separate particles from the air stream by using inertia of particles. Forces deposition into liquid collection medium (usually a dilute buffer) by aggregating cells.

### Emission Inventory



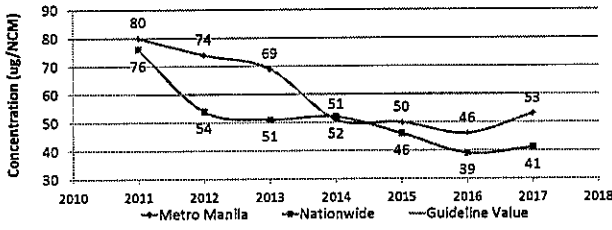
### Vehicle Distribution in Metro Manila 2015



### Total Suspended Particulate (TSP)



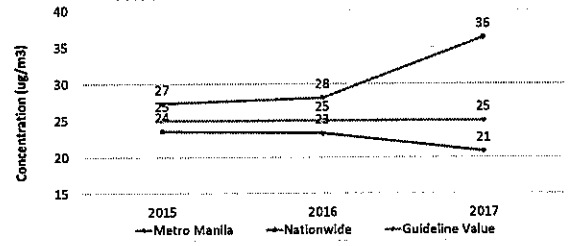
### Particulate Matter (PM10) Particulate Matter 10 2011-2017 Trend



Monitoring stations are combination of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAMS) and Manual Reference Method.  
Number of Stations in 2011: 41; 2013: 34; 2014: 34; 2015: 32; 2016: 23; 2017: 19.  
Stations in 2015 are combination of Manual, CAAMS PM10 Station and Complex Criteria Pollutant Station.



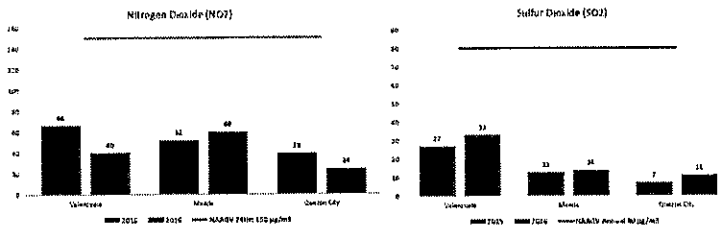
### Particulate Matter (PM2.5) Particulate Matter 2.5 2015-2017 Trend



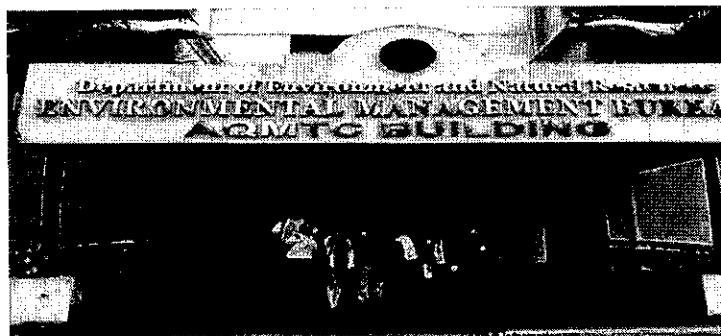
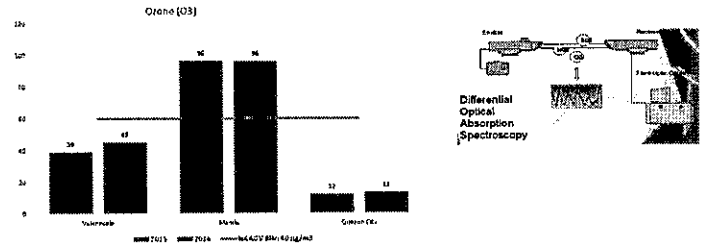
Note:  
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• Number of Stations in 2017: 44; 2016: 39; 2015: 38.



### Annual Changes of Air Quality (Gases) National Capital Region (Metro Manila)



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# WET DEPOSITION MONITORING IN MALAYSIAN METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT (MMD)

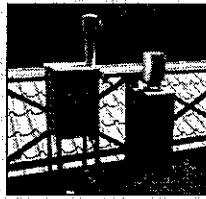
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## Wet Deposition Monitoring in MMD

- Started since year 1984.
- involve 23 stations under Atmospheric Composition Monitoring Network over Malaysia.
- current instrumentation use are:
  - Tisch Acid Precipitation Sampler (APS) – collect both wet and dry deposition by using two different collector.
  - Ecotech Wet Only Sampler - collect wet deposition only.
- Samples are then analyzed by Department of Chemistry.



Acid Precipitation Sampler (APS)



Ecotech Wet Only Sampler

## Sampling & Chemical Analysis

| Instruments                        | Sampling Period                                       | Parameter Analyzed  | Chemical Analysis Instrument  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Acid Precipitation Sampler (APS)   | Wet Deposition: 1 week<br><br>Dry Deposition: 1 month | Wet Deposition:<br>Conductivity, pH, Anions (Cl <sup>-</sup> , NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ; organic acids),<br>Cations (Na <sup>+</sup> , K <sup>+</sup> , Ca <sup>2+</sup> , Mg <sup>2+</sup> , NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> ) & Metals (Cd, Cu, Fe, Pb, Mn, Hg, Ni & Zn).   | Wet Deposition:<br>Ion Chromatography, Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS), pH meter & Conductivity Meter |
| Ecotech Wet-Only Rainwater Sampler | 1 week  | Dry Deposition:<br>Dust weight, Metals (Mg, Ca, Cu, Fe, Pb, Mg, Mn, Hg, Ni & Zn).<br><br>Conductivity, pH, Anions (Cl <sup>-</sup> , NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ; organic acids),<br>Cations (Na <sup>+</sup> , K <sup>+</sup> , Ca <sup>2+</sup> , Mg <sup>2+</sup> , NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> ) & Metals (Cd, Cu, Fe, Pb, Mn, Hg, Ni & Zn). | Dry Deposition:<br>Ion Chromatography, ICP-MS, pH meter & Conductivity Meter  |

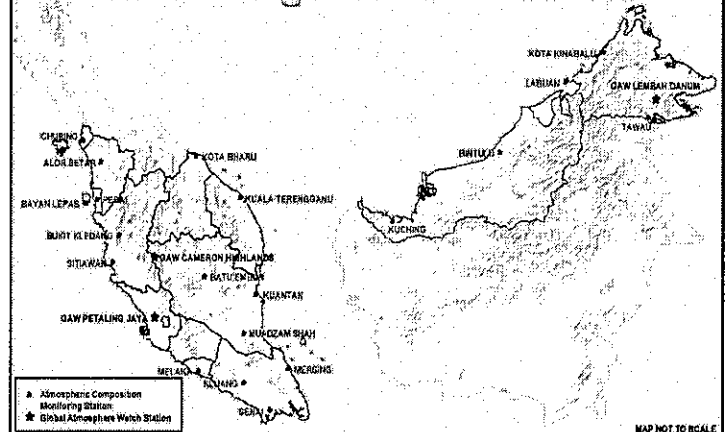
## Constraints

- Lack of facilities for mercury chemical analysis:
  - Current instrument use are limited up to trace level detection only.
  - Minimum Detection Limit (MDL) for each instruments are as follow:
    - Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS) - 0.0001mg/L.
    - Cold Vapor-Atomic Absorption Spectrometer (CV-AAS) - 0.0008 mg/L.
    - Flow Injection Mercury System (FIMS) - 0.005 mg/L.
  - No Clean Room Class 100
- Not able to fulfill the mercury sampling procedure:
  - Technical Manual for Wet Deposition Monitoring in East Asia by Acid Deposition Monitoring Network (EANET)
  - Current rainwater monitoring instrument is not suitable for mercury monitoring.

## Outline

- Wet Deposition Monitoring in MMD
- Sampling & Chemical Analysis
- Constraints

## Atmospheric Composition Monitoring Network Stations



## Wet Deposition Data

### 1. Monthly Wet Deposition Data - Petaling Jaya GAW Station (Urban Site)

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Wet Fallowt WEF  
Wet Fallowt WEF results

Station: PETALING JAYA  
Monitoring Station: 2017-01-01 00:00 - 2017-12-31 23:59  
Latitude: 3° 06' 07" N  
Longitude: 101° 38' 42" E  
Elevation: 56.6 m  
Unit: mmol/L

| PARAMETER         | JAN    | FEB    | MAR    | APR    | MAY    | JUN    | JUL    | AUG    | SEP    | OCT    | NOV    | DEC    |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| CALCIUM_WETK      | 5.94   | 6.97   | 12.34  | 10.67  | 2.61   | 8.37   | 4.50   | 4.59   | 3.32   | 2.75   | 3.69   | 4.22   |
| CHLORIDE_WETK     | 1.83   | 3.63   | 1.81   | 2.22   | 0.19   | 1.69   | 0.13   | 0.41   | 0.01   | 0.01   | 0.03   | 1.01   |
| CONDUCTIVITY_WETK | 0.30   | 0.79   | 0.68   | 0.45   | 0.39   | 0.68   | 0.13   | 0.41   | 0.01   | 0.01   | 0.03   | 2.32   |
| FLUORIDE_WETK     | 0.21   | 0.02   | <0.070 | 0.13   | 0.02   | 1.69   | 0.63   | 0.41   | <0.010 | 1.00   | <0.010 | 0.01   |
| IRON_WETK         | <0.03  | <0.03  | <0.03  | <0.03  | <0.03  | <0.03  | <0.03  | <0.03  | 0.06   | 0.06   | 0.06   | <0.03  |
| NITRA_WETK        | 12.41  | 16.64  | 25.22  | 28.30  | 16.64  | 25.22  | 28.30  | 18.71  | 10.63  | 8.02   | 10.67  | 26.91  |
| NOI_WETK          | 34.61  | 27.69  | 51.13  | 28.86  | 27.69  | 51.13  | 28.86  | 29.49  | 12.73  | 21.64  | 19.57  | 36.91  |
| PH_WETK           | 4.40   | 4.49   | 4.24   | 4.83   | 4.49   | 4.24   | 4.83   | 4.79   | 4.67   | 4.86   | 4.67   | 4.58   |
| POTASSIUM_WETK    | 1.68   | 1.07   | 2.92   | 1.53   | 1.07   | 2.92   | 1.53   | 2.05   | 1.05   | 1.57   | 1.24   | 1.96   |
| SOL_WETK          | 18.64  | 12.41  | 21.96  | 11.76  | 12.41  | 21.96  | 11.76  | 16.50  | 8.87   | 7.14   | 7.44   | 15.02  |
| SODIUM_WETK       | 5.24   | 3.20   | 5.27   | 5.54   | 3.20   | 5.27   | 5.54   | 3.80   | 3.67   | 11.78  | 3.50   | 5.58   |
| ACETATE_WETK      | 0.122  | 0.674  | 2.825  | <0.050 | 0.674  | 2.825  | <0.050 | 0.510  | 0.375  | <0.050 | <0.050 | <0.050 |
| COPPER_WETK       | 0.024  | 0.034  | <0.005 | 0.025  | 0.034  | <0.005 | 0.027  | 0.010  | 0.007  | 0.024  | 0.022  | 0.022  |
| LEAD_WETK         | 0.006  | 0.004  | <0.001 | 0.006  | 0.004  | <0.001 | 0.005  | 0.002  | 0.005  | 0.006  | 0.006  | 0.013  |
| MANGANESE_WETK    | 0.132  | 0.164  | <0.032 | 0.024  | 0.164  | <0.032 | 0.024  | 0.039  | 0.030  | 0.013  | 0.015  | 0.021  |
| MERCURY_WETK      | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 |
| PHOSPHOR_WETK     | <0.030 | <0.030 | <0.030 | <0.030 | <0.030 | <0.030 | <0.030 | <0.030 | <0.030 | <0.030 | <0.030 | <0.030 |
| VOLUINE           | 1.900  | 3.985  | 1.826  | 1.550  | 1.900  | 3.985  | 1.550  | 2.820  | 2.820  | 4.600  | 1.900  | 1.650  |
| ZINC_WETK         | 0.246  | 0.133  | <0.010 | 0.422  | 0.133  | <0.010 | 0.422  | 0.240  | 0.190  | 0.153  | 0.182  | 0.340  |

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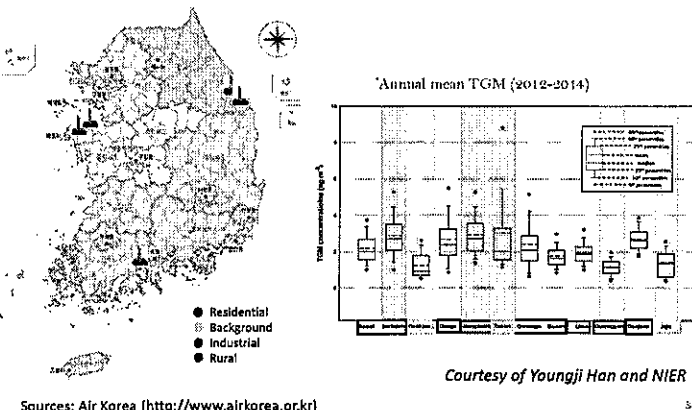
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# National mercury monitoring activities in Korea

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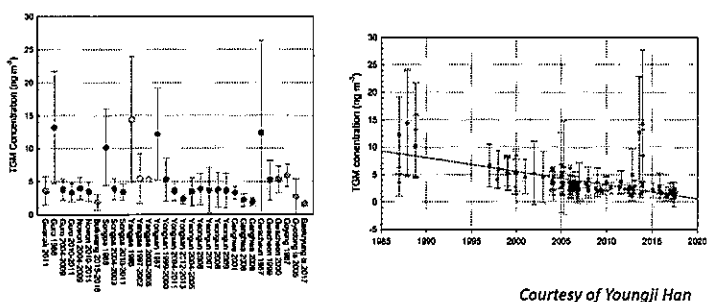
## 2. National monitoring network for TGM

- TGM has been monitored using CVAFS (Tekran system) at the 12 acid precipitation monitoring sites from 2012 (2 hr mean).



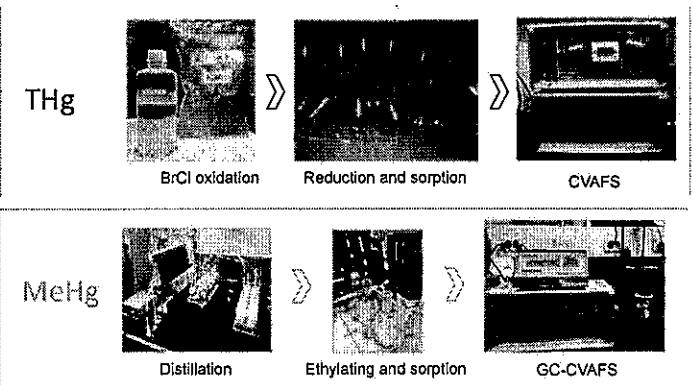
## 2. National monitoring network for TGM

- TGM shows relatively steady trend after 2005.



## 3. National monitoring network for wet deposition

- Gwangju site has been operated from April 2016.
- THg is measured at the Dr Sheu's lab in Taiwan and MeHg at the GIST lab.



## 1. Introduction

**Mercury and human health**

**Zero-valent mercury, Hg(0)**

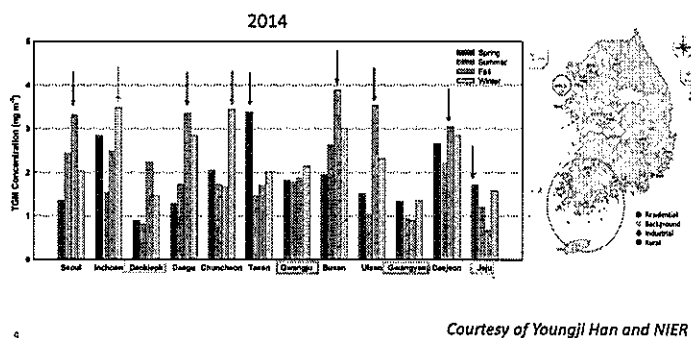
- <0.01% bioavailability after ingestion
- After inhalation it easily cross blood-brain barrier
- Disorder of central nervous system
- Nervousness, erethism

**Divalent mercury, Hg(II)**

- 7-15% bioavailability after ingestion
- Kidney damage
- Renal tubule damage
- Nephritis

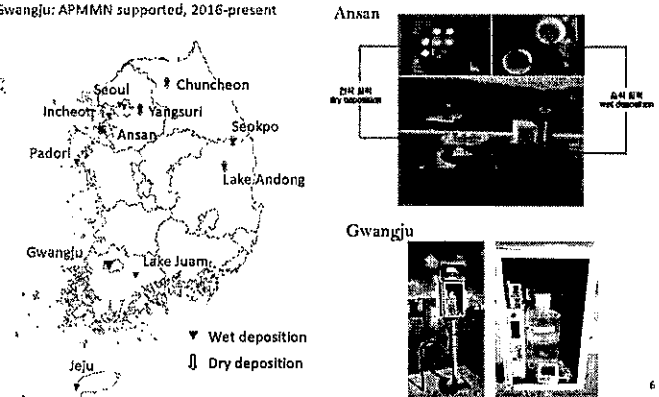
## 2. National monitoring network for TGM

- The lowest TGM is found from the southwest area (Jeju, Gwangyang and Gwangju).
- Peak conc is commonly found in fall and winter in the other sites with large seasonal variations.



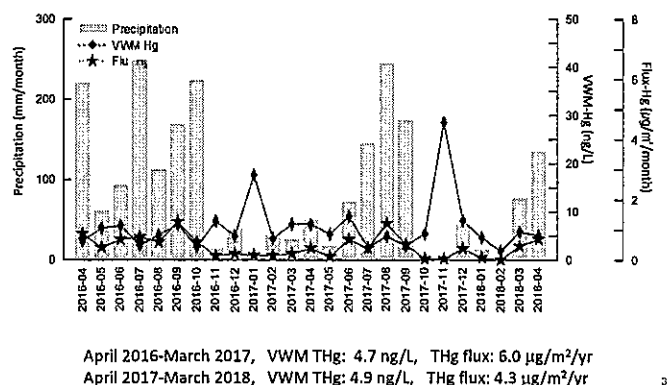
## 3. National monitoring network for wet deposition

- Jeju, Padori, Incheon, Seoul: national monitoring, weekly sampling, 2015-present
- Andong, Seokpo: event sampling, 2009-2011
- Ansan, chuncheon: event sampling
- Gwangju: APMMN supported, 2016-present



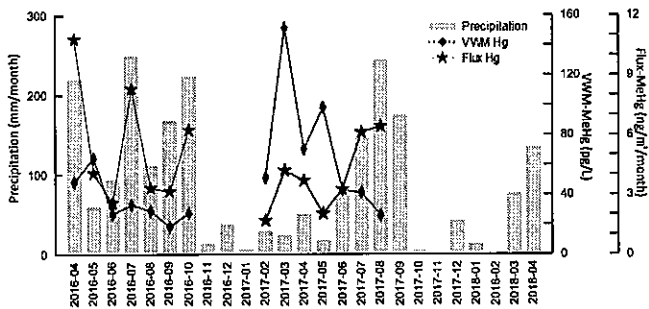
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- VWM THg is peaked in winter (November and January) and wet deposition is peaked in summer (August).



### 3. National monitoring network for wet deposition

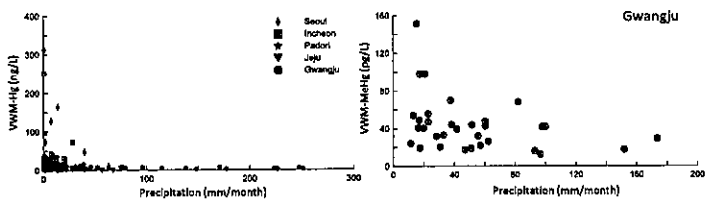
- WWM MeHg is highest in spring (March) and wet deposition follows the precipitation trend.



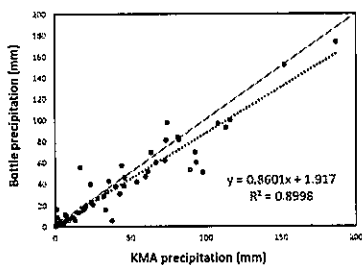
April 2016-March 2017, VWM MeHg: 31 pg/L, MeHg flux: 40 ng/m<sup>2</sup>/yr (0.67% of THg)

### 3. National monitoring network for wet deposition

- VWM concentrations of THg and MeHg were negatively correlated to precipitation.



### 3. National monitoring network for wet deposition



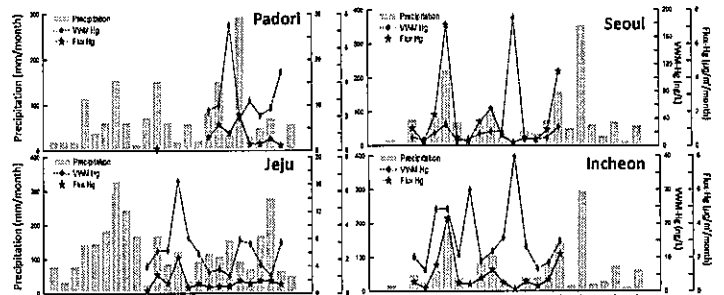
- Hg and MeHg deposition fluxes of Gwangju site might be underestimated by ~14%.

### 4. Conclusions

- The median TGM concentration of each monitoring site ranged from 1.0 to 2.8 ng m<sup>-3</sup> and peak concentrations were found in fall and winter (national network, 2012-2014).
- The concentration range of TGM was low and seasonal variation was small in the southwest part Korea including Jeju island (Seoul, Busan and Incheon) (national network, 2012-2014).
- The wet deposition of THg normalized to precipitation (Seoul > Incheon > Padori > Gwangju, Jeju) follows the trend of TGM (national network 2015-2016 and Gwangju 2016-2017).
- VWM of THg and MeHg was highest in winter and spring, respectively. MeHg production and scavenging should be better understood with extensive data collection (Gwangju, 2016-2017).

### 3. National monitoring network for wet deposition

- WWM is highest in January and wet deposition is highest in July except Jeju.

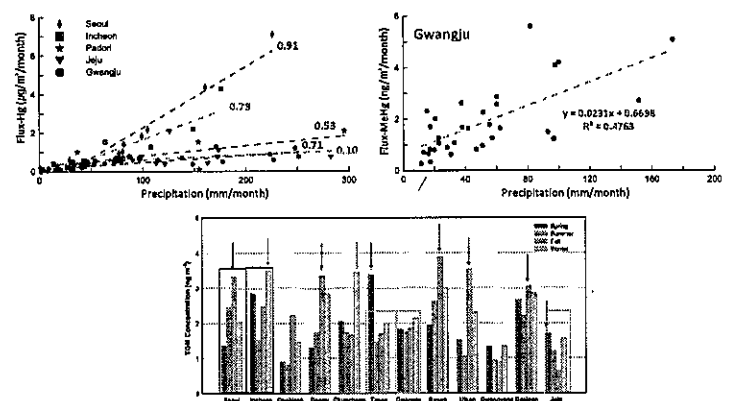


Jeju Oct 2015 – Sep 2016, VWM THg: 4.5 ng/L, THg flux: 8.0 μg/m<sup>2</sup>/yr  
 Seoul April 2015 – March 2016, VWM THg: 21.1 ng/L, THg flux: 16.1 μg/m<sup>2</sup>/yr  
 Incheon April 2015 – March 2016, VWM THg: 13.9 ng/L, THg flux: 11.0 μg/m<sup>2</sup>/yr

Courtesy of Youngji Han and NIER

### 3. National monitoring network for wet deposition

- Wet deposition/precipitation: Seoul > Incheon > Padori > Gwangju, Jeju



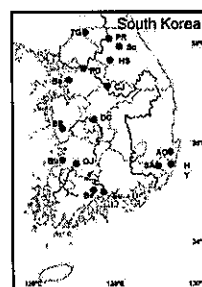
### 3. National monitoring network for wet deposition

| Site                          | Type       | Sampling period       | Annual prec (mm) | VWM (ng/L) |       | Wet deposition (μg/m <sup>2</sup> /yr) |       | Reference                    |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------|-------|--|-------|------------------------------|
|                               |            |                       |                  | THg        | MeHg  | THg                                    | MeHg  |                              |
| Chongqing China               | Industrial | Dec 2010-Nov 2014     | 1104.4           | 34.3       | 0.48  | 37.8                                   | 0.53  | Qin et al., 2016             |
| Chongqing China               | Urban      | Jul 2010-Jun 2011     | 921              | 30.7       | 0.31  | -                                      | -     | Wang et al., 2012            |
| Lhasa, Tibetan, China         | Urban      | Jan-Dec 2009          | 359              | 24.8       | -     | 8.2                                    | -     | Huang et al., 2013           |
| Seoul Korea                   | Urban      | April 2015-March 2016 | 766              | 21.1       | -     | 16.1                                   | -     | This study                   |
| Three Gorges Reservoir, China | Rural      | Nov 2012-Oct 2013     | 743              | 18.0       | 0.23  | 13.0                                   | 0.17  | Zhao et al., 2015            |
| Xiamen, China                 | Suburban   | Jun 2012-May 2013     | 1137             | 12.3       | 0.053 | 14.0                                   | 0.058 | Xu et al., 2014              |
| Pengjiayu Taiwan              | Remote     | Jan-Dec 2009          | 1438             | 8.8        | -     | 10.2                                   | -     | Sheu and Lin, 2013           |
| Minamata Bay Japan            | Costal     | Sep 2009-Aug 2010     | -                | 5.9        | 0.061 | 13.7                                   | 0.14  | Manumoto and Matsuyama, 2014 |
| Gwangju Korea                 | Urban      | April 2016-March 2017 | 1274             | 4.7        | 0.031 | 6.0                                    | 0.040 | This study                   |
| Tibetan Plateau, China        | Alpine     | May 2010-Oct 2012     | 978              | 4.0        | 0.11  | 3.9                                    | 0.11  | Huang et al., 2015           |

### 5. What happens after deposition?

Pilot project for the comprehensive mercury monitoring network in Korea

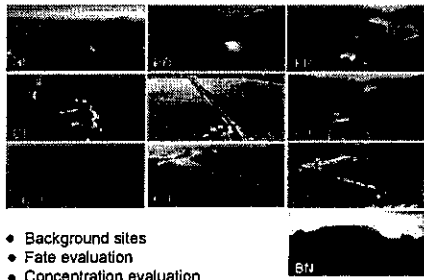
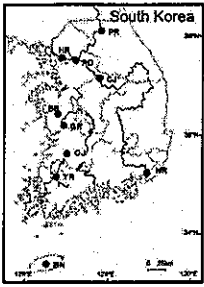
- Preliminary study (2013-2015)
- Pilot project (2016-2020)
- Operation of the national monitoring network (2021-)



| DC (1981)                                    | Su (1973)                                   | PR (1944)                                    | OJ (1985)                                  | SR (1999)                                   | TO (1978)                                  | Su (1998)                                   | HY (1988)                                   |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| Forest: 65%<br>Agricult: 15%<br>Urban: 17%   | Forest: 80%<br>Agricult: 4.1%<br>Urban: 14% | Forest: 78%<br>Agricult: 8.0%<br>Urban: 8.8% | Forest: 64%<br>Agricult: 12%<br>Urban: 23% | Forest: 80%<br>Agricult: 11%<br>Urban: 9%   | Forest: 42%<br>Agricult: 36%<br>Urban: 15% | Forest: 83%<br>Agricult: 28%<br>Urban: 8.6% | Forest: 67%<br>Agricult: 15%<br>Urban: 17%  |
| Su (1978)                                    | Be (1957)                                   | Be (1967)                                    | PD (1973)                                  | CJ (1985)                                   | AG (1971)                                  | SA (1982)                                   | HS (2000)                                   |
| Forest: 87%<br>Agricult: 8.0%<br>Urban: 3.2% | Forest: 18%<br>Agricult: 43%<br>Urban: 39%  | Forest: 82%<br>Agricult: 9.5%<br>Urban: 9.5% | Forest: 25%<br>Agricult: 59%<br>Urban: 15% | Forest: 10%<br>Agricult: 81%<br>Urban: 9.0% | Forest: 18%<br>Agricult: 57%<br>Urban: 25% | Forest: 7.5%<br>Agricult: 59%<br>Urban: 30% | Forest: 12%<br>Agricult: 80%<br>Urban: 8.0% |

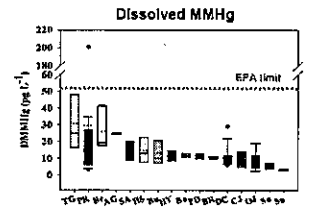
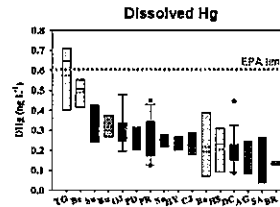
Preliminary study sites (2013 - 2015)

Pilot project (2016 - 2020)

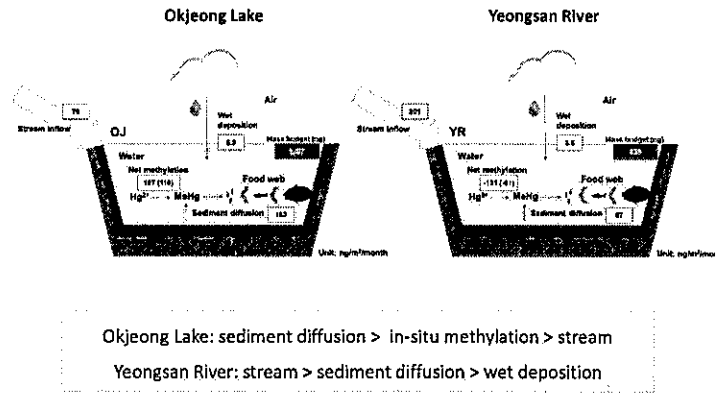
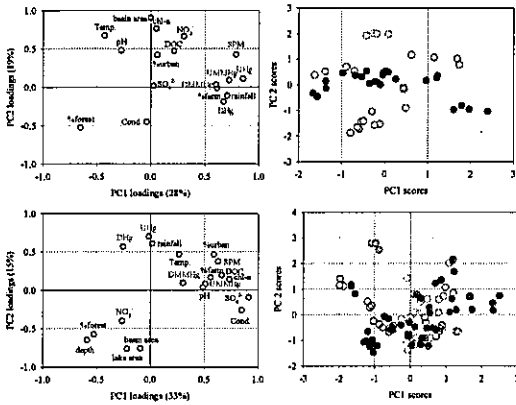
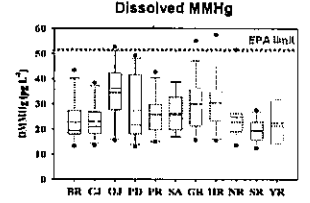
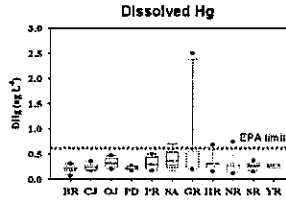


- Background sites
- Fate evaluation
- Concentration evaluation

Preliminary study (2013 - 2015)



Pilot project (2016 - 2020)



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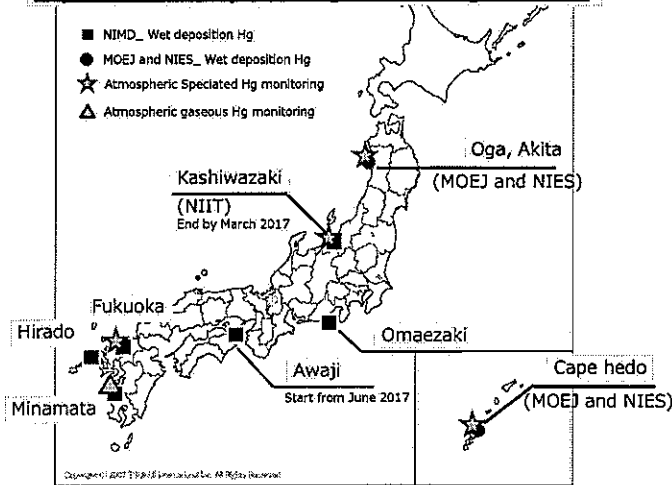
## Update on recent mercury monitoring activities in Japan (2018)

### Objectives:

- Monitor current levels of mercury and other heavy metals in air, particles, and precipitation;
- Obtain useful information on the long-range transportation of trace elements in Asia-Pacific region;
- Develop monitoring methodologies;
- Contribute to the international efforts in mercury monitoring

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### Japanese Atmospheric Hg monitoring network



## Measurement of mercury in atmosphere and wet depositions at Cape Hedo, Oga Peninsula conducted by MOE of Japan

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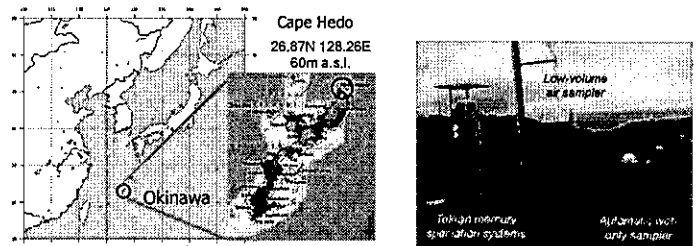
### Measurement items, sampling, and analytical method

| Component     | Measurement Items  | Sampling and analytical methods  | site  |
|---------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Atmosphere    | Mercury            | Mercury speciation (GEM, GOM, PBM)   | Cape Hedo, Oga  |
|               | Particulate matter | Pb, Cd, Cu, Zn, As, Cr, V, Ni, Se, Sb, Ba, Co, Mn, Sn, Te, Ti, Be, Al, Fe, Ca, Na, K, Mg | 7 days continuous sampling by the low-volume sampler and analyzed by ICP/MS |
| Precipitation | Hg                 | Sampling by the automatic wet-only sampler and analyzed by CVAAS (EPA method 1631)       | Cape Hedo, Oga  |

GEM: Gaseous Elementary Mercury  
GOM: Gaseous Oxidized Mercury  
PBM: Particle-Bound Mercury  
CVAAS: Cold Vapor-Atomic Absorption Spectrometry

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### Cape Hedo Atmosphere and Aerosol Monitoring Station (CHAAMS)

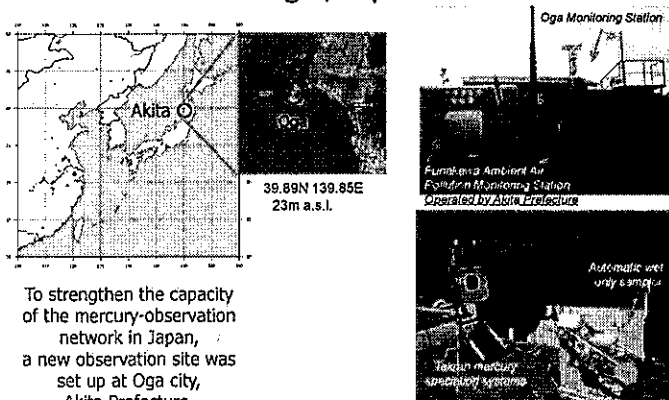


CHAAMS operated by National Institute for Environment Studies

Tekran mercury speciation analyzer and other heavy metals monitoring systems

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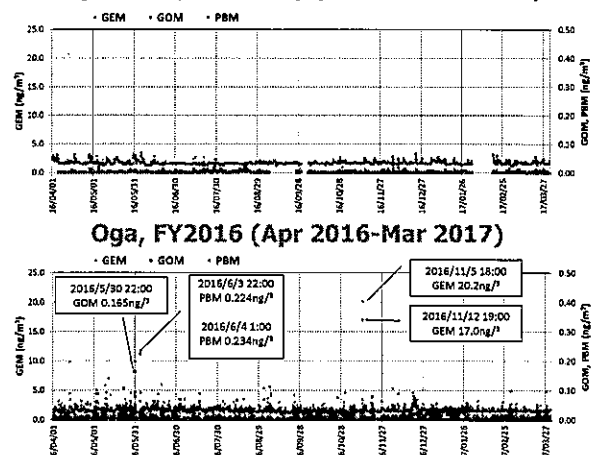
### Mercury monitoring station in Oga, Japan



To strengthen the capacity of the mercury-observation network in Japan, a new observation site was set up at Oga city, Akita Prefecture, in September 2014.

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### Observations of mercury species Cape Hedo, FY2016 (Apr 2016-Mar 2017)



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Observations of mercury species  
Annual variations of GEM

Statistics  
Hourly Mean of GEM  
Unit: ng/m<sup>3</sup>

Cape Hedo

|                    | FY2010<br>(Apr 2010 - Mar 2011) | FY2011<br>(Apr 2011 - Mar 2012) | FY2012<br>(Apr 2012 - Mar 2013) | FY2013<br>(Apr 2013 - Mar 2014) | FY2014<br>(Apr 2014 - Mar 2015) | FY2015<br>(Apr 2015 - Mar 2016) | FY2016<br>(Apr 2016 - Mar 2017) |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mean               | 1.9                             | 2.1                             | 2.0                             | 1.7                             | 1.7                             | 1.6                             | 1.7                             |
| Median             | 1.8                             | 2.0                             | 1.9                             | 1.6                             | 1.7                             | 1.6                             | 1.6                             |
| Min                | 1.2                             | 1.1                             | 1.3                             | 0.9                             | 1.2                             | 1.0                             | 1.2                             |
| Max                | 6.0                             | 4.7                             | 7.3                             | 4.8                             | 3.9                             | 3.4                             | 3.5                             |
| Standard Deviation | 0.5                             | 0.5                             | 0.5                             | 0.3                             | 0.3                             | 0.3                             | 0.3                             |

Oga

|                    | FY2014<br>(Aug 2014 - Mar 2015) | FY2015<br>(Apr 2015 - Mar 2016) | FY2016<br>(Apr 2016 - Mar 2017) |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mean               | 1.6                             | 1.6                             | 1.6                             |
| Median             | 1.6                             | 1.6                             | 1.6                             |
| Min                | 0.9                             | 0.7                             | 0.7                             |
| Max                | 6.7                             | 21.8                            | 20.2                            |
| Standard Deviation | 0.4                             | 0.4                             | 0.5                             |

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Observations of mercury species  
Annual variations of GOM, PBM

Statistics  
Hourly Mean  
Unit: ng/m<sup>3</sup>

Cape Hedo

|      | GOM                             |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 | GOM                             |                                 |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|      | FY2010<br>(Apr 2010 - Mar 2011) | FY2011<br>(Apr 2011 - Mar 2012) | FY2012<br>(Apr 2012 - Mar 2013) | FY2013<br>(Apr 2013 - Mar 2014) | FY2014<br>(Apr 2014 - Mar 2015) | FY2015<br>(Apr 2015 - Mar 2016) | FY2016<br>(Apr 2016 - Mar 2017) | FY2014<br>(Aug 2014 - Mar 2015) | FY2015<br>(Apr 2015 - Mar 2016) | FY2016<br>(Apr 2016 - Mar 2017) |
| Mean | 0.002                           | 0.002                           | 0.001                           | 0.002                           | 0.002                           | 0.001                           | 0.002                           | 0.002                           | 0.003                           | 0.002                           |
| Min  | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         |
| Max  | 0.058                           | 0.044                           | 0.024                           | 0.039                           | 0.047                           | 0.044                           | 0.046                           | 0.048                           | 0.152                           | 0.165                           |

|      | PBM                             |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 | PBM                             |                                 |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|      | FY2010<br>(Apr 2010 - Mar 2011) | FY2011<br>(Apr 2011 - Mar 2012) | FY2012<br>(Apr 2012 - Mar 2013) | FY2013<br>(Apr 2013 - Mar 2014) | FY2014<br>(Apr 2014 - Mar 2015) | FY2015<br>(Apr 2015 - Mar 2016) | FY2016<br>(Apr 2016 - Mar 2017) | FY2014<br>(Aug 2014 - Mar 2015) | FY2015<br>(Apr 2015 - Mar 2016) | FY2016<br>(Apr 2016 - Mar 2017) |
| Mean | 0.002                           | 0.002                           | 0.002                           | 0.004                           | 0.004                           | 0.002                           | 0.003                           | 0.009                           | 0.009                           | 0.011                           |
| Min  | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         | < 0.001                         |
| Max  | 0.048                           | 0.041                           | 0.027                           | 0.071                           | 0.044                           | 0.020                           | 0.030                           | 0.144                           | 0.557                           | 0.234                           |

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Observations of mercury species  
Monthly variations of GEM  
Cape Hedo, FY2016 (Apr 2016-Mar 2017) Unit: ng/m<sup>3</sup>

| FY2016             | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Mean               | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Median             | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Min                | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| Max                | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| Standard Deviation | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Samples (Hours)    | 460 | 457 | 464 | 468 | 457 | 431 | 407 | 457 | 444 | 465 | 187 | 462 |

Oga, FY2016 (Apr 2016-Mar 2017) Unit: ng/m<sup>3</sup>

| FY2016             | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov  | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Mean               | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.6  | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Median             | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.5  | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Min                | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.8  | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Max                | 3.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 20.2 | 4.6 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 5.0 |
| Standard Deviation | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1.2  | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Samples (Hours)    | 463 | 481 | 454 | 480 | 463 | 465 | 479 | 444  | 480 | 478 | 433 | 480 |

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Observations of mercury species  
Monthly variations of GOM and PBM  
Cape Hedo, FY2016 (Apr 2016-Mar 2017) Unit: ng/m<sup>3</sup>

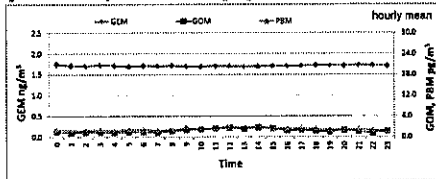
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|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| GOM | Mean   | <0.001 | 0.002  | 0.002  | 0.003  | 0.004  | 0.003  | <0.001 | 0.001  | 0.002  | 0.002  | <0.001 | 0.002  |
|     | Min    | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 |
|     | Max    | 0.009  | 0.019  | 0.012  | 0.046  | 0.028  | 0.008  | 0.008  | 0.008  | 0.007  | 0.011  | 0.005  | 0.007  |
| PBM | Mean   | 0.002  | 0.002  | 0.002  | 0.001  | 0.002  | 0.002  | 0.002  | 0.004  | 0.005  | 0.002  | 0.002  | 0.004  |
|     | Min    | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | 0.001  | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 |
|     | Max    | 0.013  | 0.008  | 0.006  | 0.007  | 0.008  | 0.013  | 0.019  | 0.012  | 0.030  | 0.013  | 0.011  | 0.015  |

Oga, FY2016 (Apr 2016-Mar 2017) Unit: ng/m<sup>3</sup>

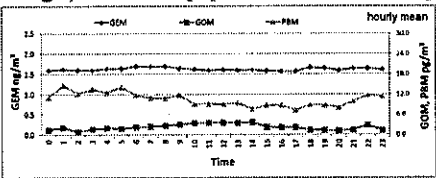
|     | FY2016 | Apr    | May    | Jun    | Jul    | Aug    | Sep    | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| GOM | Mean   | 0.002  | 0.008  | 0.003  | 0.003  | 0.002  | 0.001  | 0.001  | 0.001  | 0.001  | 0.001  | 0.001  | 0.002  |
|     | Min    | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 |
|     | Max    | 0.019  | 0.165  | 0.033  | 0.032  | 0.014  | 0.026  | 0.008  | 0.021  | 0.012  | 0.018  | 0.012  | 0.014  |
| PBM | Mean   | 0.012  | 0.010  | 0.008  | 0.005  | 0.004  | 0.005  | 0.014  | 0.012  | 0.016  | 0.022  | 0.008  | 0.010  |
|     | Min    | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | 0.001  | 0.001  | 0.002  | 0.003  | 0.002  | <0.001 |
|     | Max    | 0.196  | 0.199  | 0.234  | 0.063  | 0.035  | 0.087  | 0.075  | 0.079  | 0.106  | 0.057  | 0.042  | 0.098  |

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Observations of mercury species  
Diurnal variations of GEM, GOM and PBM  
Cape Hedo, FY2016 (Apr 2016-Mar 2017)



Oga, FY2016 (Apr 2016-Mar 2017)



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Observations of precipitation  
Mercury concentration in precipitation  
(Annual mean)

•Cape Hedo Unit: ng/L

| FY2008<br>(Apr 2008 - Mar 2009) | FY2009<br>(Apr 2009 - Mar 2010) | FY2010<br>(Apr 2010 - Mar 2011) | FY2011<br>(Apr 2011 - Mar 2012) | FY2012<br>(Apr 2012 - Mar 2013) | FY2013<br>(Apr 2013 - Mar 2014) | FY2014<br>(Apr 2014 - Mar 2015) | FY2015<br>(Apr 2015 - Mar 2016) | FY2016<br>(Apr 2016 - Mar 2017) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3.4                             | 3.1                             | 2.4                             | 3.0                             | 1.9                             | 2.2                             | 1.4                             | 2.0                             | 4.3                             |

•Oga Unit: ng/L

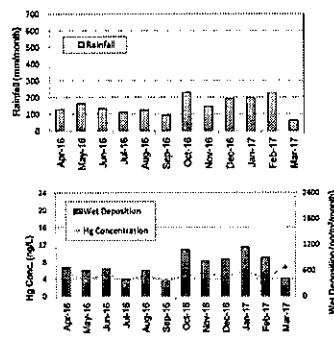
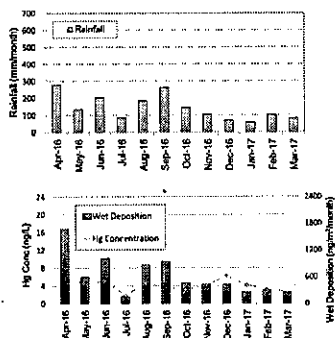
| FY2014<br>(Apr 2014 - Mar 2015) | FY2015<br>(Apr 2015 - Mar 2016) | FY2016<br>(Apr 2016 - Mar 2017) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2.5                             | 2.9                             | 4.7                             |

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Observations of precipitation  
Wet deposition of mercury

Cape Hedo, FY2016 (Apr 2016-Mar 2017)

Oga, FY2016 (Apr 2016-Mar 2017)



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Thank you!

For more information:

<https://www.env.go.jp/en/chemi/mercury/bms2016.html>

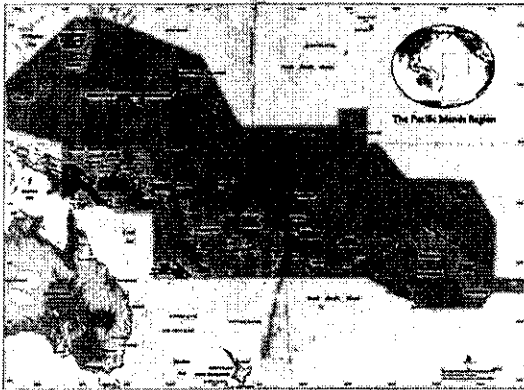
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# Mercury monitoring activities and plans in Fiji

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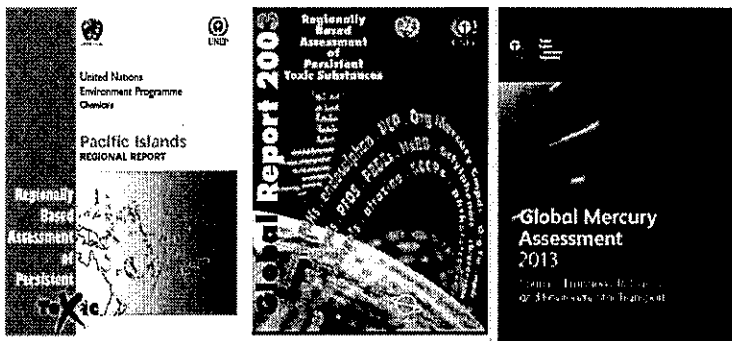
## Overview

- Introduction
- Limitation and knowledge GAPS
- Future activities
- Concluding remarks

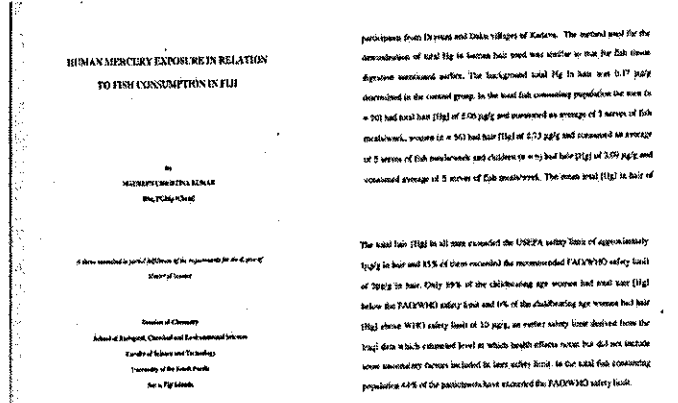
## Introduction

### • Background

- The Institute of Applied Sciences (IAS) of the University of South Pacific is a research and commercial entity of the university that provides service to its 14 Pacific Island member Countries in the Pacific Island Region (PIR)
- One of six regional reference laboratories for POPs under the Stockholm Convention (ambient air, human milk, plasma and water)
- The Analytical Laboratory of IAS has 4 units (Water, Food, Microbiology and Biofuel) that is accredited under ISO17025 and IANZ (International Accreditation of New Zealand).
- Total mercury (accredited test under compliance with IANZ requirements)



The completion of the report, environment in the Pacific Island Region is improved. The report is a timely source of local and regional information on the region, and its completion has the potential to improve the quality of the environment. The amount of mercury in the environment is high in the Pacific Island Region. Mercury is a toxic metal that is highly persistent in the environment. The amount of mercury in the environment is high in the Pacific Island Region. Mercury is a toxic metal that is highly persistent in the environment. The amount of mercury in the environment is high in the Pacific Island Region. Mercury is a toxic metal that is highly persistent in the environment.



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Table 8a. PIC HEAVY METAL ANALYSES

| Location & Reference                              | Substrate & Sample Numbers | Level (Range, Median) |                        | Units <sup>a</sup> |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
|   |                            | Pb                    | Hg                     |                    |
| Solomon Islands<br>Naidu et al. 1991              | sediment (12)              | 18.7 - 79.5<br>53.1   | -                      | ppm DW             |
| Fiji<br>Tarnata & Thaman, 2000                    | sediment (5)               | 0.01 - 0.018<br>0.03  | <0.001                 | ppm WW             |
| Fiji, contaminated site<br>Naidu & Morrison, 1994 | sediment (4)               | 0.21 - 116,000        | 0.2 - 1.74             | ppm DW             |
| Fiji<br>Ganguly et al. 1988                       | sediment (6)               | 6.8 - 10<br>7.7       | <0.2                   | ppm DW             |
| Fiji<br>Morrison et al. 1997                      | sediment (7)               | 3 - 17<br>5           | 0.029 - 0.240<br>0.024 | ppm DW             |
| Fiji<br>Morrison et al. 2001                      | sediment (25)              | 3.32 - 13.25<br>7.54  | 0.061 - 0.165<br>0.111 | ppm DW             |
| American Samoa<br>AECOS, 1991                     | sediment (6)               | 35 - 34<br>27         | 0.02 - 0.09            | ppm WW             |
| Fiji<br>Naidu et al. 1991                         | sea water (35)             | <10 - 19<br><10       | <1 - 8.8<br>1.0        | µg/L               |
| Fiji<br>Tarnata & Thaman, 2000                    | sea water (21)             | <1 - 1.3<br><1        | 1.6                    | µg/L               |
| Fiji<br>Morrison et al. 1997                      | sea water (36)             | 0.3 - 3.0<br>0.6      | <2                     | µg/L               |

| Location & Reference                             | Substrate & Sample Numbers     | Level (Range, Median)           | Units <sup>a</sup> |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fiji<br>Naidu et al. 1991                        | <i>Crassostrea merula</i> (22) | <0.5 - 5.48<br>0.63             | ppm WW             |
| Vanuatu<br>Naidu et al. 1991                     | <i>Anadara</i> sp. (2)         | <0.5 - 0.6<br>0.02 - 0.04       | ppm WW             |
| Vanuatu<br>Naidu et al. 1991                     | <i>Crassostrea merula</i> (4)  | 0.72 - 0.94<br>0.90             | ppm WW             |
| Kiribati<br>Naidu et al. 1991                    | <i>Anadara</i> sp. (3)         | 0.2 - 0.5<br>0.2                | ppm WW             |
| Tonga<br>Naidu et al. 1991                       | <i>Cafrarium tumidum</i> (5)   | <0.20<br>0.022 - 0.191<br>0.043 | ppm WW             |
| Fiji contaminated site<br>Naidu & Morrison, 1994 | <i>C. merula</i> (5)           | 5.6 - 13.7<br>0.55 - 0.93       | ppm DW             |
| Fiji<br>Ganguly et al. 1988                      | <i>G. imitatum</i> (20)        | 0.45 - 0.90<br>0.60             | ppm DW             |
| Fiji<br>Morrison et al. 1997                     | <i>Anadara</i> sp. (4)         | <5<br>0.32 - 0.58<br>0.34       | ppm DW             |
| Fiji<br>Morrison et al. 2001                     | <i>Anadara</i> sp. (5)         | 2.9 - 4.6<br>3.7<br>0.046       | ppm DW             |
| American Samoa<br>AECOS, 1991                    | fish (11)                      | 0.1 - 7.9<br>2.1                | ppm WW             |
| "Acceptable" levels                              | soil <sup>b</sup>              | 400                             | ppm                |
|  | drinking water <sup>c</sup>    | 15                              | µg/L               |
|  | shellfish <sup>c</sup>         | 2.0                             | ppm                |

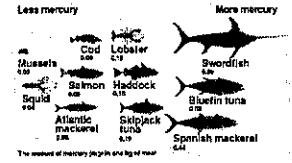
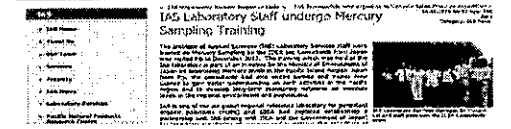
Notes:  
(a) WW = wet weight, DW = dry weight  
(b) Preliminary Remediation Guidelines, USEPA Region 9  
(c) Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code

|                        |                             |              |                |               |        |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| Fiji                   | canned tuna (15)            | -            | 0.63 - 0.97    | -             | ppm WW |
| IAS, 1992              |                             |              | 0.21           |               |        |
| PIB                    | canned tuna (13)            | -            | 0.01 - 0.27    | -             | ppm WW |
| IAN, 1992              |                             |              | 0.12           |               |        |
| Solomon Islands        | fish fish (3)               | -            | -              | 0.2 - 1.4     | ppm WW |
| Karman et al, 1995     | fish liver (2)              | -            | -              | 0.8           |        |
|                        |                             |              |                | 89 - 129      |        |
| Durga                  | shellfish (80)              | <2           | <2             | <2            | ppm DW |
| Morrison & Brown, 2000 |                             |              |                |               |        |
| Saroka                 | shellfish (4)               | 0.065 - 0.30 | <0.002 - 0.03  | 0.13 - 0.45   | ppm DW |
| Govt of Samoa, 1993    |                             |              |                |               |        |
| Cham                   | fish (30)                   | 0.16 - 6.01  | <0.009 - 0.045 | <0.12 - <0.79 | ppm WW |
| UNEP/WHO, 2001         |                             |              |                |               |        |
| *Acceptable* levels    | soils <sup>a</sup>          | 400          | 6.1            | 180           | ppm    |
|                        | drinking water <sup>b</sup> | 15           | 3.6            | 110           | µg/L   |
|                        | Shellfish <sup>c</sup>      | 2.0          | 0.5            | 25            | ppm    |

Notes:  
 (a) WW = wet weight, DW = dry weight  
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## Limitation and knowledge GAPS

- Lack of capacity (air quality assessment for Hg)
- No monitoring program in place for Hg
- No baseline on wet deposition (levels of Hg)
- Lack of capacity methyl mercury (biological and environmental)
- Lack of inventory (storage, disposal and emission sources of Hg)
- Trends for Hg in Fiji and the PIB

## Future activities

- Networking (joining the APMMN and "expert laboratories")
- Capacity building and training (Hg in air and wet deposition)
- Establishment of Hg monitoring sites (active and passive samplers)
- USP-IAS service to regional member Islands Countries that are signatories to the "Minamata Convention"
- Article 19 (*Research Development and Monitoring*)
- Article 22 (*Effectiveness Evaluation*)
- Extension of compliance for Hg accredited tests
- Data towards "baseline" for Hg in fish, water, air and population

## Conclusion remarks

- The amount of available data on Hg in Fiji and other PICs is very limited
- Capacity building (sampling and testing Hg and methyl mercury)
- Developing monitoring and assessment capacity in a regional centre

Thank you...any questions.

# Atmospheric mercury monitoring in Canada



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## What are the major emission source regions contributing to Canada's burden?

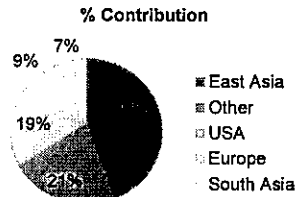
Long range transport  
 ECCC Global Hg Model

Total deposition in Canada results from:

- 35% global terrestrial
- 25% oceanic
- 40% anthropogenic

**95% anthropogenic Hg deposited in Canada is from outside of Canada**

Relative contributions from individual source regions to net Hg deposition

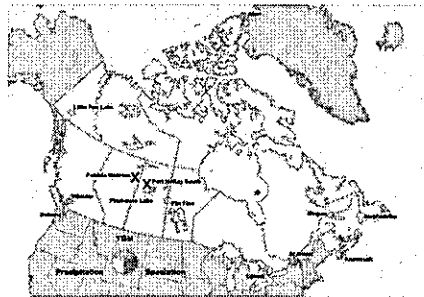


## What factors have we considered for Hg monitoring in Canada?

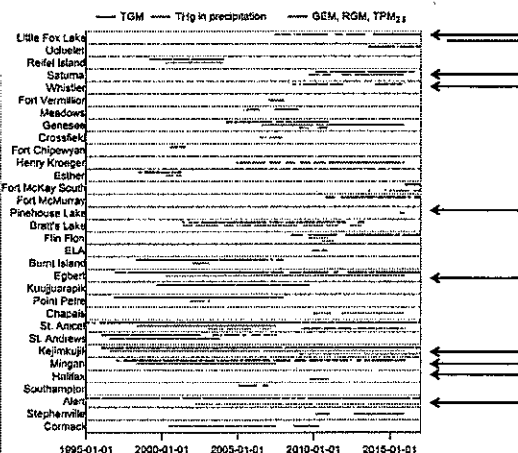


### Air monitoring

- input levels of Hg to ecosystems
- ambient levels from domestic and regional emission sources
- transboundary transport of Hg into Canada



## Data coverage in Canada



## Mercury (Hg) in Canada

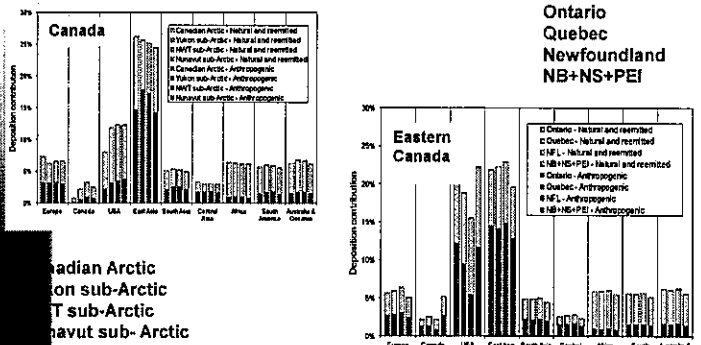


- Hg remains a risk to Canadian ecosystems and human health
- Certain Canadian populations are at higher risk of exposure
- Methyl Hg levels can be high enough to pose a risk to the reproductive health of fish and fish-eating wildlife
- Most annual provincial/territorial fish consumption advisories are for Hg (~90%)
- Canada is a net recipient of mercury
  - 95% of anthropogenic Hg deposited in Canada comes from external source regions
- List of Toxic Substances in CEPA – mercury and its compounds
- Contaminant of Mutual Concern (GLWQA)
- Current Hg issues in Canada
  - Wabigoon-English River (Grassy Narrows and White Dog First Nations)
  - Muskrat Falls, Labrador



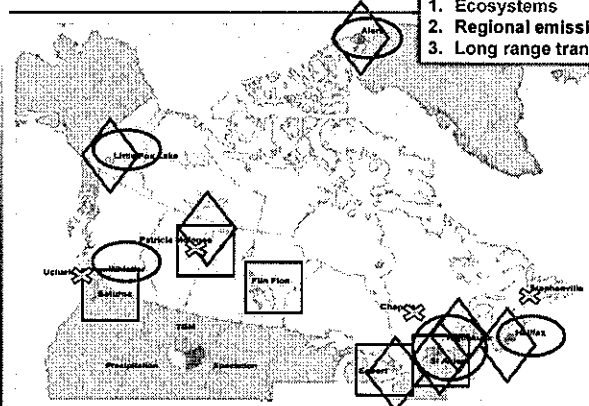
## Hg deposition regional contribution

Global/Regional Atmospheric Heavy Metals Model for 2005



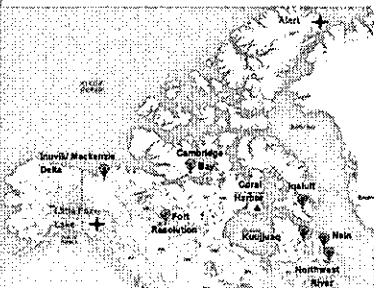
## Site selection to meet goals

- Ecosystems
- Regional emissions
- Long range transport



## How do we fill the gaps?

- Passive mercury sampling
- New method developed at University of Toronto, Canada in collaboration with Environment Canada



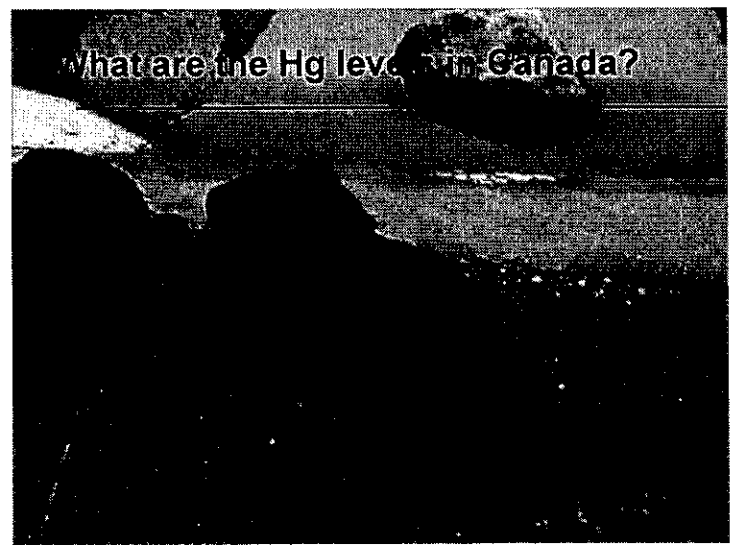
- New Project in Canada's Arctic
- Address large spatial gaps
- 9 sites
- 2 locations active and passive monitoring

# Pilot project – global Hg passives

Global Atmospheric Passive Sampling (GAPS) Network



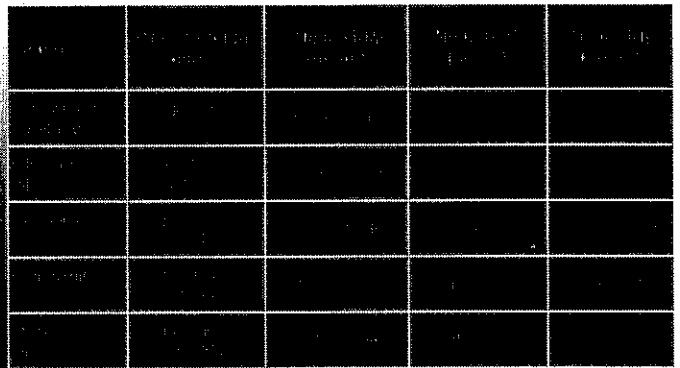
- 1 year of sampling
- Samples collected every 3 months
- Sent to Environment Canada for analysis
- Demonstrate feasibility, show ease of use
- Identify gaps, hot spots etc.
- Use POPs GAPS network as a start
- Want to initiate with governments/collaborate with researchers
- Use current infrastructure



## Total gaseous mercury and mercury in precipitation

| Station              | Measurement period (TGM) | Mean TGM (ng m <sup>-3</sup> ) | Measurement period (THg) | Mean Total Hg (ng L <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Little Fox Lake YK   | Jun 2007 - Dec 2016      | 1.39 ± 0.10                    |                          |                                     |
| Saturna BC           | Feb 2010 - Aug 2016      | 1.31 ± 0.16                    | Aug 2009 - Dec 2015      | 1.2                                 |
| Whistler BC          | Aug 2004 - Dec 2015      | 1.23 ± 0.20                    |                          |                                     |
| Fort McKay South AB  | Feb 2010 - Dec 2015      | 1.21 ± 0.38                    |                          |                                     |
| Patricia Melville AB | Oct 2010 - Dec 2015      | 1.12 ± 0.22                    |                          |                                     |
| Pinehouse Lake SK    |                          |                                | May 2015 - Dec 2015      | 0.4                                 |
| Flin Flon MB         | Jul 2008 - Dec 2015      | 0.23 ± 0.17                    | Aug 2000 - Dec 2010      | 0.9                                 |
| Egbert ON            | Dec 1998 - Dec 2015      | 1.51 ± 0.31                    | Aug 2000 - Dec 2011      | 0.9                                 |
| St. Anicet QC        | Aug 1994 - Dec 2016      | 1.53 ± 0.35                    | Aug 1996 - Aug 2007      | 0.0                                 |
| Kajmukjok NS         | Dec 2010                 | 1.30 ± 0.28                    | Dec 1999 - Dec 2015      | 0.9                                 |
| Mingan QC            | Jan 1997 - Dec 2015      | 1.42 ± 0.23                    | Apr 1998 - Aug 2007      | 0.7                                 |
| Alert NU             | Apr 1995 - Dec 2016      | 1.47 ± 0.38                    |                          |                                     |
| Stophville NL        |                          |                                | Feb 2010 - Dec 2015      | 0.2                                 |

## Speciated Mercury

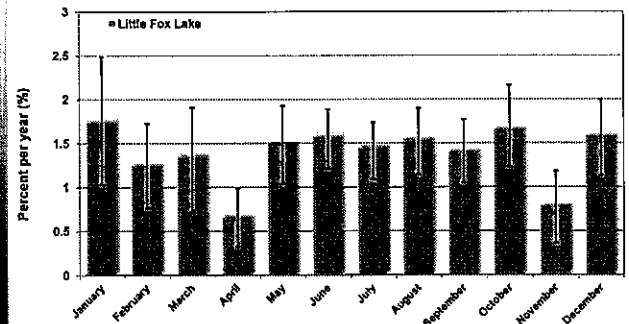


## Trends (annual)

| Station              | Measurement period (TGM) | Trend TGM (% incl)      | Measurement period (wet deposition) | Trend Total Hg (THg) in precip |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Little Fox Lake YK   | Jun 2007 - Dec 2016      | +1.3<br>(+0.7 to +1.9)  |                                     |                                |
| Saturna BC           | Feb 2010 - Aug 2016      | -1.1<br>(-3.1 to -2.1)  | Sep 2009 - Dec 2015                 | NS<br>(-2.5 to +8.7)           |
| Whistler BC          | Jan 2008 - Dec 2015      | +1.29<br>(-2.1 to +6.4) |                                     |                                |
| Genesee AB           | Mar 2004 - Dec 2010      | +4.4<br>(-1.4 to +6.1)  | Jul 2008 - Dec 2015                 | NS<br>(-8.6 to +0.3)           |
| Patricia Melville AB | Oct 2010 - Dec 2016      | +3.8<br>(-5.4 to -2.1)  |                                     |                                |
| Flin Flon MB         | Jul 2008 - Dec 2015      | -4.2<br>(-6.5 to -2.4)  |                                     |                                |
| Egbert ON            | Dec 1998 - Dec 2015      | -1.7<br>(-1.8 to -1.5)  | Apr 2000 - Dec 2015                 | NS<br>(-1.2 to +0.6)           |
| Chapais QC           |                          |                         | Dec 2009 - Dec 2015                 | -6.4<br>(-10.8 to -1.8)        |
| Mingan QC            | Jan 1997 - Dec 2016      | -1.1<br>(-1.4 to -0.8)  | Apr 1998 - Aug 2007                 | NS<br>(-5.1 to +0.5)           |
| St. Anicet QC        | Jan 1995 - Dec 2016      | -1.5<br>(-1.6 to -1.3)  | May 1998 - Aug 2007                 | -3.0<br>(-5.3 to -1.0)         |
| Kajmukjok NS         | Jan 1998 - Dec 2016      | -0.9<br>(-1.1 to -0.7)  | Jul 1998 - Dec 2015                 | -1.5<br>(-2.3 to -0.8)         |
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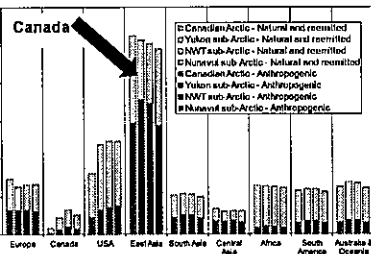
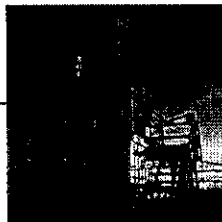
## Overall Trend

Overall trend (2007-2016): +1.37 ± 0.33 %



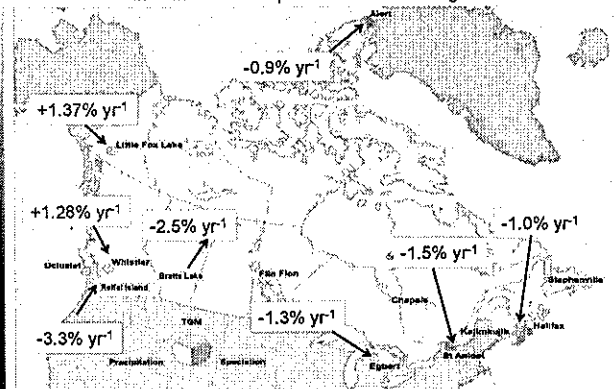
## Little Fox Lake, Yukon

- Measuring TGM since 2007
- Initiated and continued from the International Polar Year (2007-2009)
- Long range transport of Hg from the Pan Pacific Area
- LFL good site for LRT from Asia



## Overall trends of atmospheric Hg in Canada

Are Canadian ecosystems responding to recent reductions in domestic atmospheric emissions of Hg?



# Why are we seeing this trend?

It is the only region in Canada with an increasing trend in Hg concentration

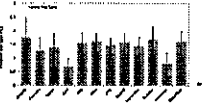
## Little Fox Lake

What can affect the concentration of Hg at this site?

- Increase in Hg in the area
- Changes in meteorology
- Increase in Hg transported in

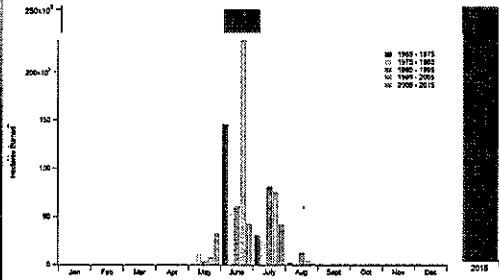


# Forest Fires around Little F...

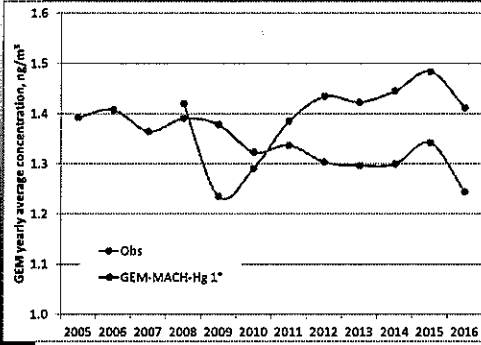


Biomass burning is a source of Hg to the atmosphere  
Forest fires emitted 6-14 tonnes of Hg in Canada between 2010 and 2015\* (May-Sep)

1. Hectares burned within 500 km around the site in the last 10 years
2. Monthly distribution of hectares burned around the site



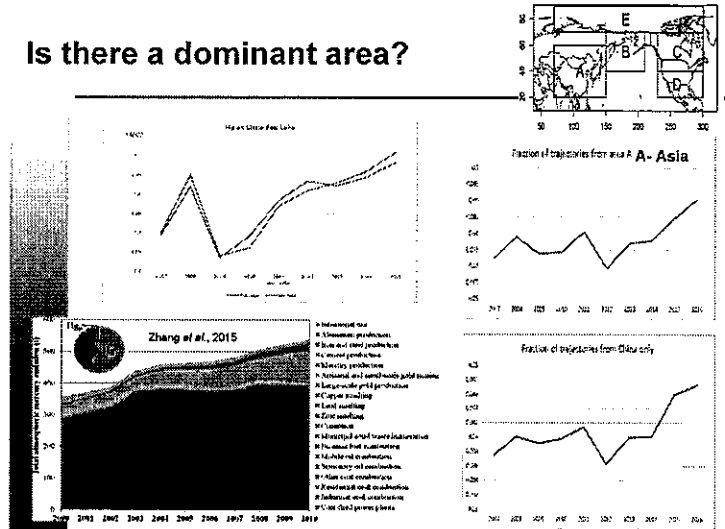
# Measurement/Model comparison of meteorology and Hg trends



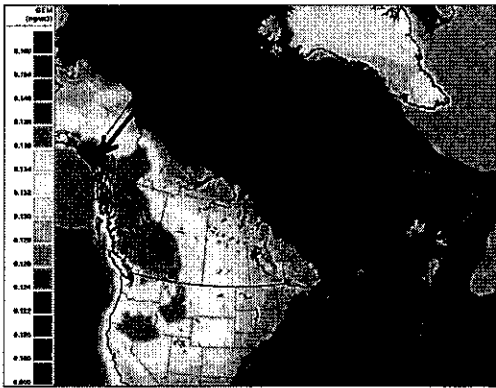
GEM-MACH-Global-Hg model configuration:  
Horizontal resolution - 1° latitude/longitude  
Meteorological fields - ECMWF ERA-Interim for 2005 - 2015  
Emissions - AMAP 2010, constant for all years

Conclusions:  
Appears to be impacted in more recent years by inter-annual variability of meteorology

# Is there a dominant area?



# East Asian Contribution to Hg concentrations in Canada



East Asian emission impacts only on Hg levels using GEM-MACH-Hg

# Summary

- Canada continues to monitor atmospheric Hg
- Some locations have closed but working on filling gaps with passive samplers
- New project with passive samplers to get global snapshot of Hg levels
- TGM levels are going down in Canada except in the west
- Attributed primarily to emissions from China

Keep going and monitor Hg and perform research studies to better refine our understanding of transport, transformation and deposition

Thank you!!!


# MERCURY IN AUSTRALIA

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Grant Edwards

Students: Kelli Cook, Upma Dutt, Dean Howard,  
Matthew Miller and Dan Sawyer

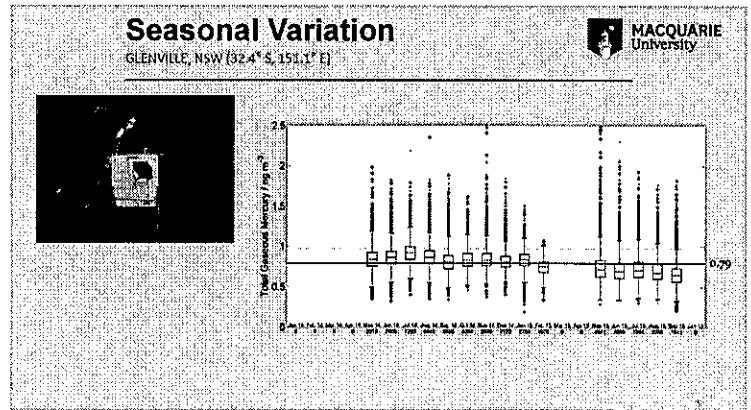
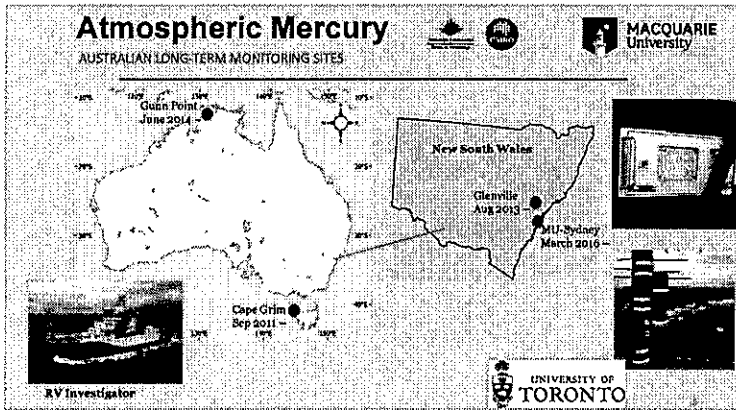
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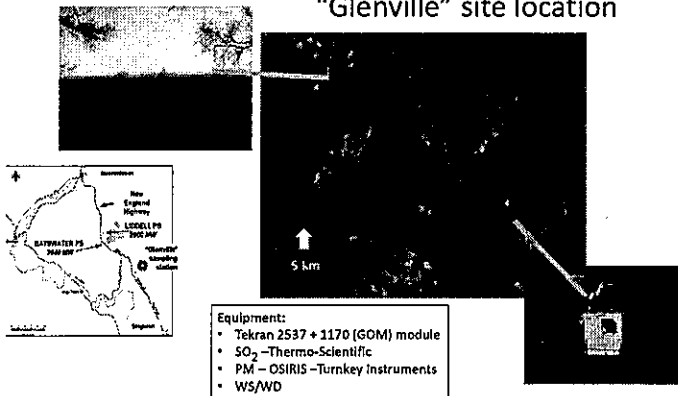


## Mercury in Australia- background for group at MU

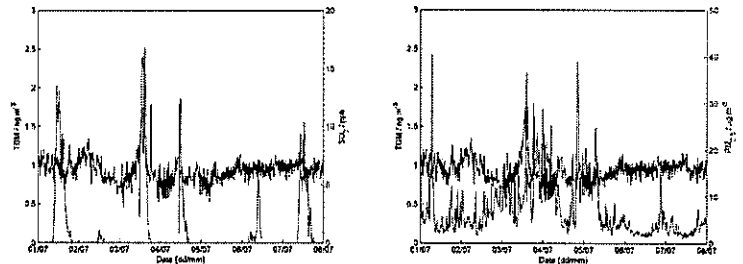
- First Australian Power Station Measurements of mercury species
- Australian inventory from all sources- informing response to Minamata Convention
- First gas phase concentrations of mercury in Australia - Almost no SM data, providing constraints and tests of global mercury modelling and mercury atmospheric chemistry
- Invitation to join the Global Mercury Observing System (GMOS) led by EU
- First measurements of mercury in wet and dry deposition samples
- First mercury measured in fires in Australia; emission factors, and firefighter exposure
- Member UNEP Expert Group on Global Inventory (2010 Global Inventory, 2018 Assessment)
- Peter Nelson, Lead author (non ferrous smelting and roasting), UNEP Expert Group on Minamata Convention
- Long-term measurements and modelling in Sydney, Hunter Valley and Northern Australia - Included in Global Mercury Observing System
- Peter Nelson, Co-lead UN Environment Partnership on Mercury from Coal Combustion (with Dr Lesley Glass, IEA Clean Coal Centre)
  - Currently negotiating large project with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to demonstrate mercury control in industrial processes in developing countries



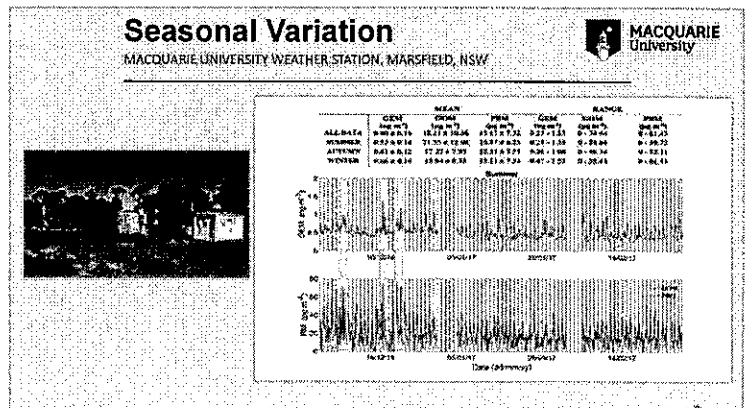
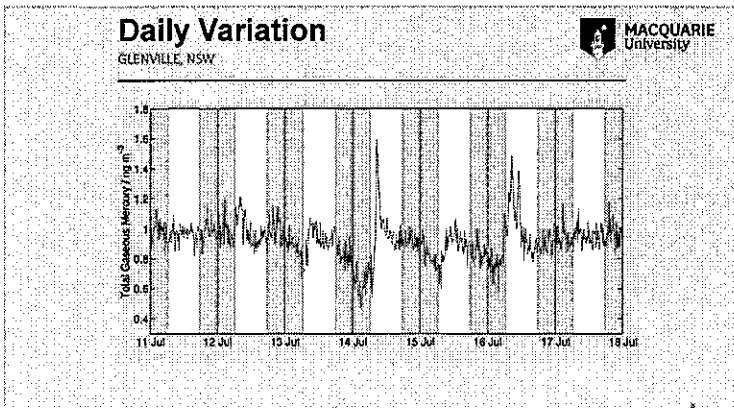
### "Glenville" site location



### Mercury concentration during plume strike events

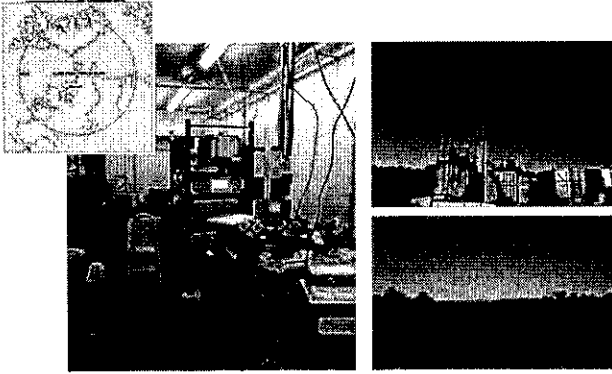


Changes in TGM, SO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations (5 min averaging period) at "Glenville" in the period 1-8 July, 2014



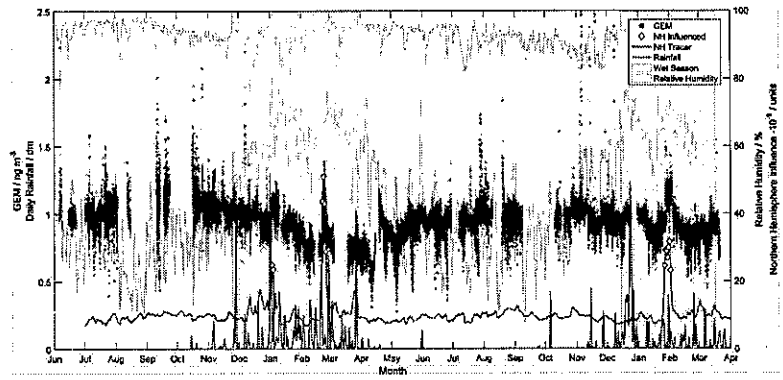
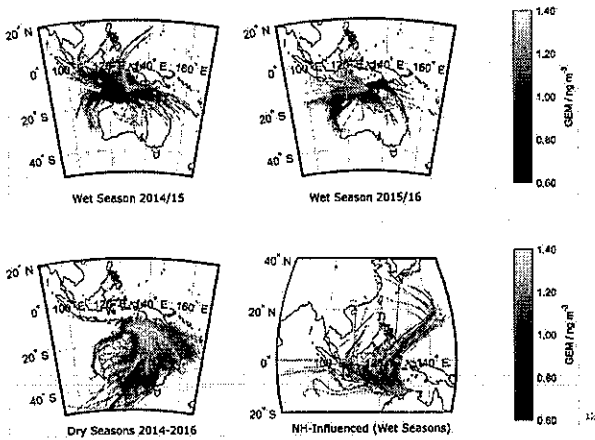
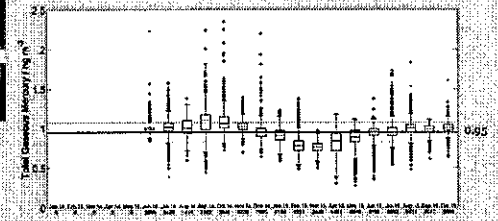
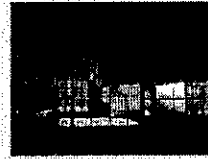


## Gunn Point: Tropical savanna grass

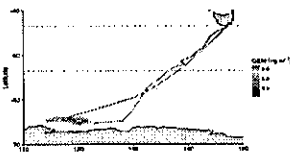
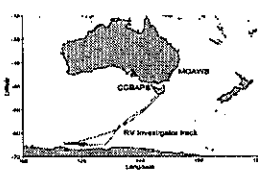


## Seasonal Variation

GUNN POINT, Northern Territory (12.2° S, 131.0° E)



## Voyage: RV Investigator



## Challenges

AMBIENT MERCURY LONG TERM MONITORING



- **Tyranny of distance:**
  - lack of co-location of research staff with mercury sampling sites has meant that sites can often only be visited on a monthly (Glenville) or quarterly (Gunn PO) basis.
  - breakdown of either instruments or communication to instruments results in considerable cost and inconvenience, due to travel distances.
  - has led to development of the Macquarie University (MU) Weather Station site in close proximity to the University which can be more regularly serviced and maintained.

## Potential

AMBIENT MERCURY LONG TERM MONITORING



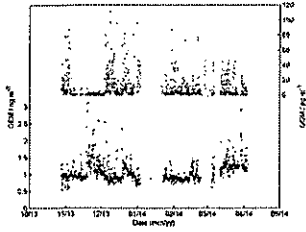
- **Wet sampling**
  - with establishment of the MU Weather Station site and its location near to the University campus potential exists for some wet sampling to be commenced.
- **Lack of ongoing longer term funding:**
  - funding has always been intermittent which has meant that as a team it has been a struggle to maintain sites over the long term

## In Summary



- Australia's emissions relatively low and dominated by industrial sources particularly non-ferrous sector
- Natural and re-emitted sources dominate over anthropogenic sources; fires significant particularly in northern Australia
- Atmospheric mercury measured at several sites since 2011
- Power Stations *not* the source of above background mercury at a site near two large coal fired power stations
- Both Glenville and Gunn Point show intermittent periods of TGM depletion
  - Generally only under calm, stable, nocturnal conditions
  - Large spikes at Glenville may be due to fumigation into overlying weak mixed layer, or advection from nearby sources

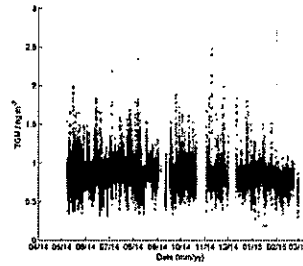
## Outcomes-long term



Speciated mercury concentrations (hourly averages) at 'Glenville' sampling site, November 2013-April 2014 (n=1393)

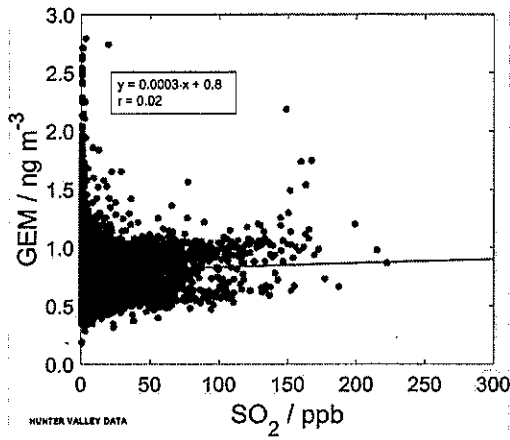
| Species | Mean                          | Median                       | Range                             |
|---------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| GEM     | 1.05<br>(ng/m <sup>3</sup> )  | 0.97<br>(ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 0.54-3.10<br>(ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) |
| GDM     | 11.28<br>(pg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 4.31<br>(pg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 0-164.21<br>(pg/m <sup>3</sup> )  |

## Outcomes-long term



Total gaseous mercury concentrations (five min collection period) at 'Glenville' sampling site, April 2014 - April 2015 (n=45005)

| Species | Mean                         | Median                       | Range                             |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| TGM     | 0.86<br>(ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 0.85<br>(ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 0.19-2.48<br>(ng/m <sup>3</sup> ) |



## In Summary

### AMBIENT MERCURY AND POWER STATIONS



- Ambient mercury concentrations in the Upper Hunter are low by world standards;
- Many times lower than no observable adverse effect levels (NOAELs);
- Likely health effects of ambient mercury at the site are negligible;
- Power stations appear to have little impact on the concentrations measured at the site;
- Further work is needed to explain high and low concentration periods.
- National Pollutant Inventory gives emission estimates for SO<sub>2</sub> and Hg
- Using these estimates and the peak SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations observed suggest that power station mercury would only increase atmospheric mercury by ~0.07-0.15 ng/m<sup>3</sup>



## MQ: Urban, Sydney NSW





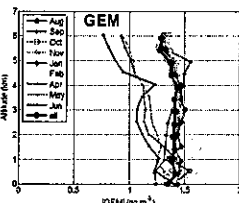
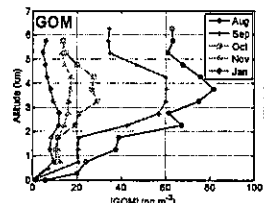
# Atmospheric Mercury Measurements at NOAA's Air Resources Laboratory (ARL)

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NOAA/ARL, College Park, MD

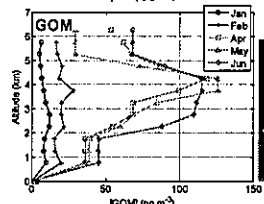
Prepared for the Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network Meeting  
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Manila, Philippines



# Process Studies and Field Intensives Airborne Mercury Measurements



- GOM concentrations peak spring to summer
- Max. [GOM] at ~3-4.5 km
- Relatively uniform GEM profiles from Aug. 2012 to Feb. 2013. Slight GEM depletion above 4 km.
- Flights from Apr. to Jun. 2013: GEM levels decreased as altitude increased



University of Tennessee Space Institute Piper Navajo



# ARL's Long-term Mercury Monitoring: NADP

### What is the National Atmospheric Deposition Program?

A cooperative effort among many groups -federal, state, tribal, local governmental agencies, educational institutions, private companies, and non-governmental agencies.

Program Office and Central Analytical Lab at University of Wisconsin's State Laboratory of Hygiene

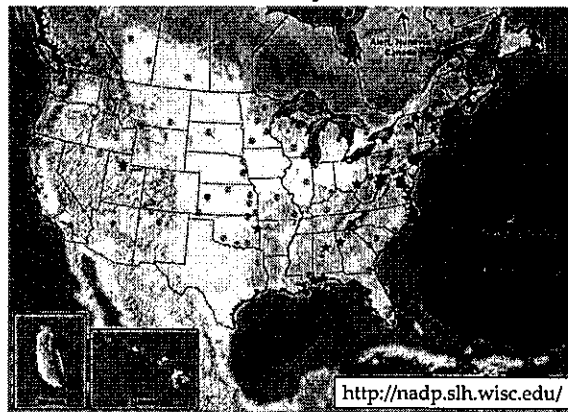
Determine the pollution flux out of the atmosphere/into the biosphere by measuring wet deposition ("acid rain network") and estimating dry deposition of atmospheric pollutants

North America, active in Asia

Now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year



# NADP's Mercury Networks

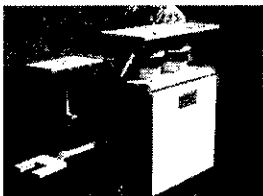
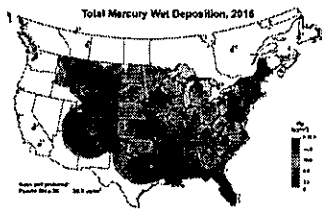


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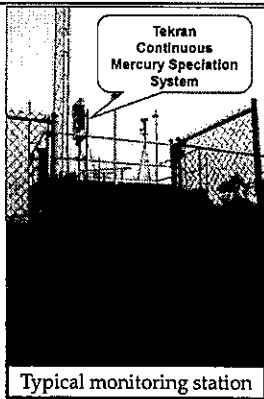
# Mercury Deposition Network (MDN)

- Since 1996
- Weekly wet deposition of Hg
- 94 active North American sites
- Total and methyl Hg



# Atmospheric Mercury Network (AMNet)

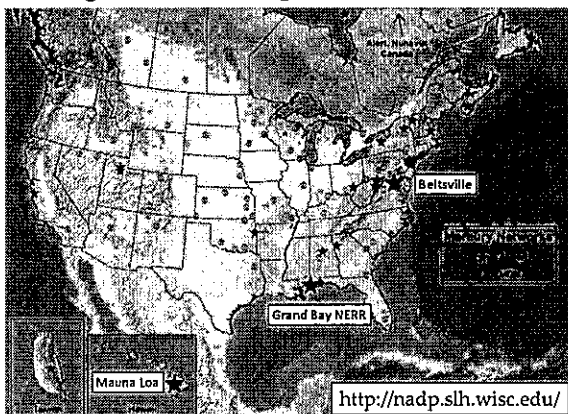
- Mercury speciation in the atmosphere
  - elemental, reactive gaseous, particulate Hg (GEM, GOM, PBM<sub>2,g</sub>)
- Estimates dry deposition flux
- Meteorology, leaf wetness, land cover variables
- Usually co-locates with wet deposition flux (MDN)
- As in all NADP Networks, standardized protocols for operation, data reduction
- ~ 20 Active sites ; Since 2009



Typical monitoring station



# Long-Term Monitoring at NOAA's AMNet Sites



<http://nadp.slh.wisc.edu/>



# Grand Bay NERR, Mississippi



A rural coastal site in the SE U.S., 20 km from the open waters of the Gulf of Mexico

**Beltsville, Maryland**

Since 2007:  
A suburban site NE of Washington, DC

Also an EPA Clean Air Status and Trends Network site

**Mauna Loa, Hawaii**

The Mauna Loa Observatory with Mauna Kea in the background.

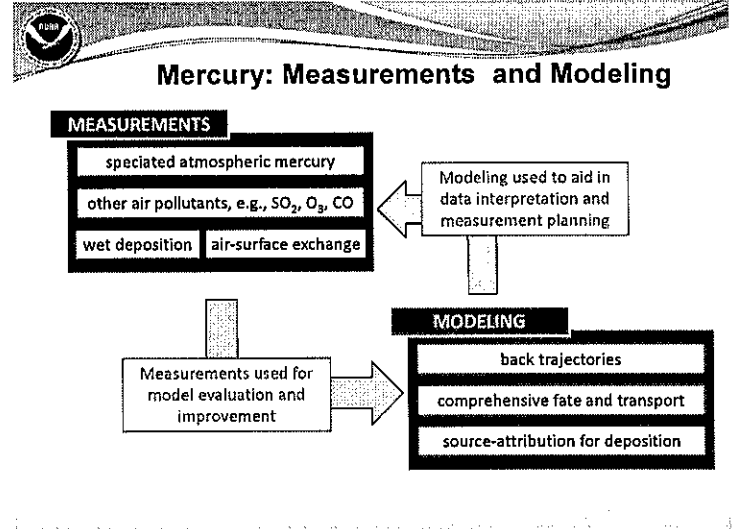
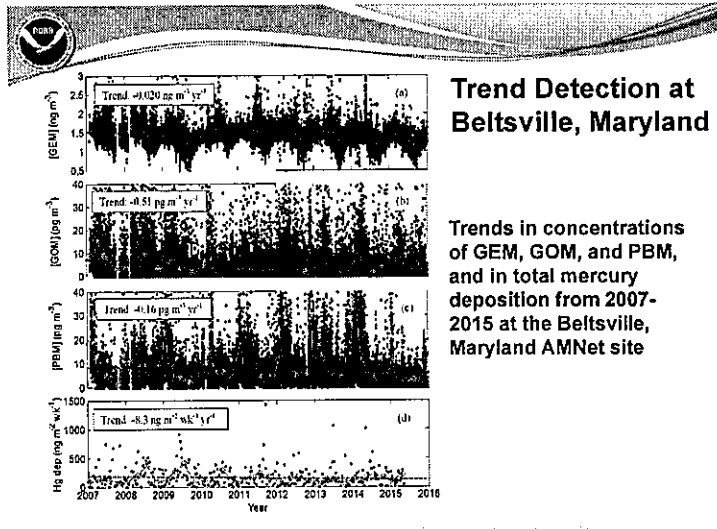
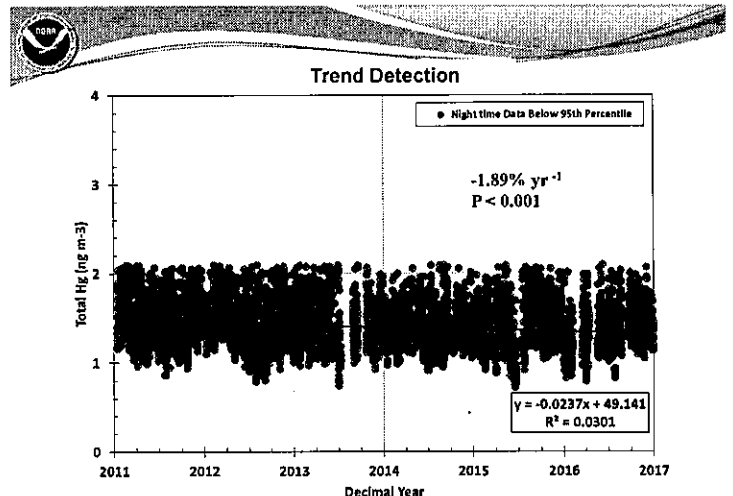
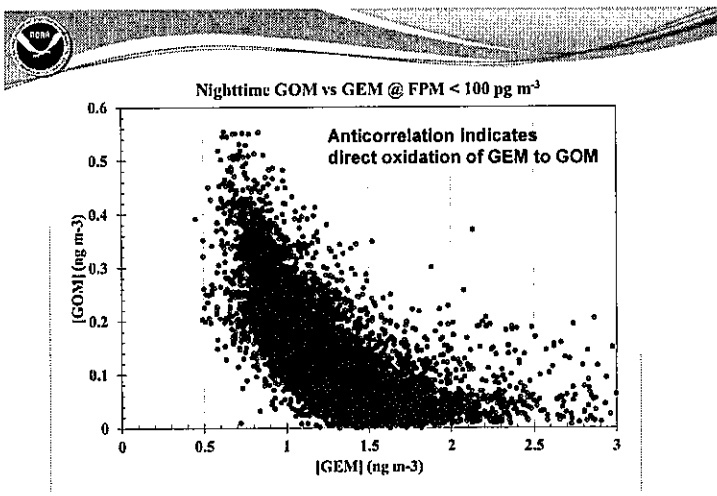
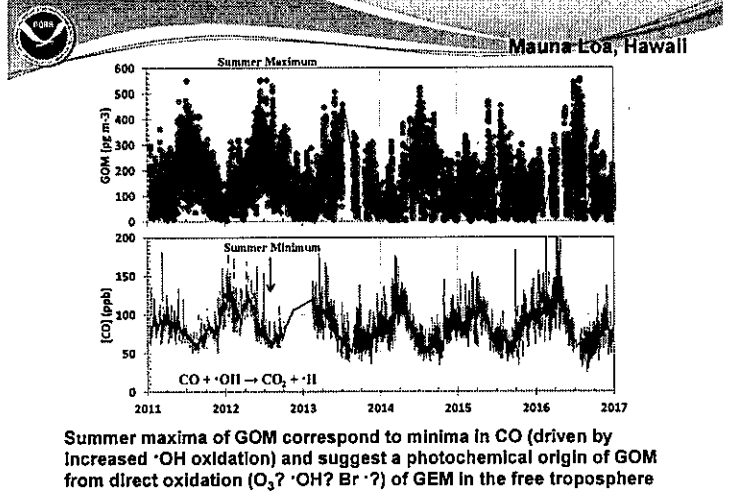
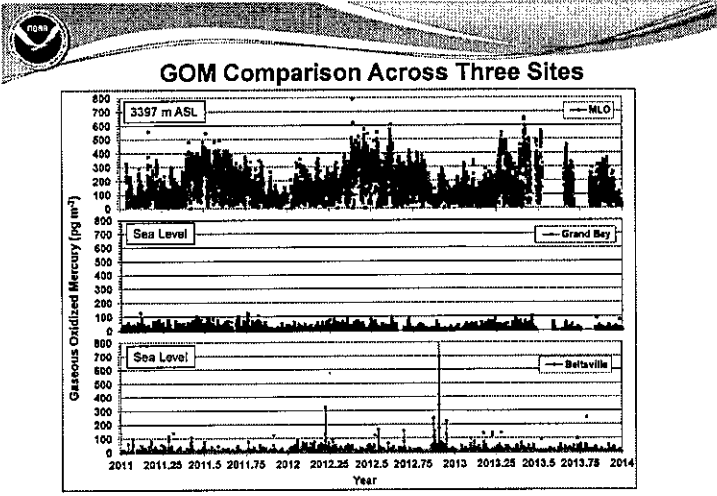
CO<sub>2</sub> measurement tower

Mauna Kea in winter, as seen from MLO

Since 2011:  
Located at 3,397m on the north slope of the Mauna Loa volcano

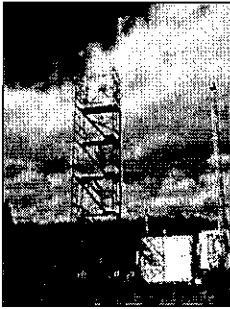
Premier site for the study of background atmosphere (NOAA ESRL)

Often samples clean air from the remote middle troposphere,

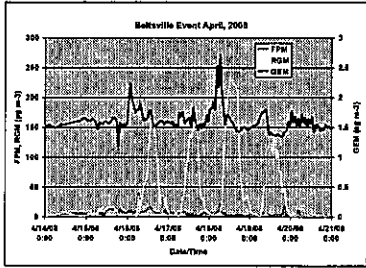


# Back Trajectory Analysis – Episodes

## Reactive Gaseous Mercury episode

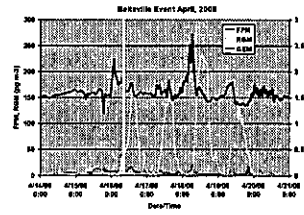


Beltsville, Maryland  
AMNet site

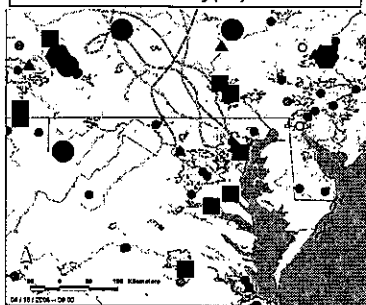


Air Resources Laboratory

## Back trajectories run with 12 km resolution met data



## Large Point Sources of Reactive Gaseous Mercury (RGM) Emissions Based on the 2002 U.S. EPA National Emissions Inventory (NEI)



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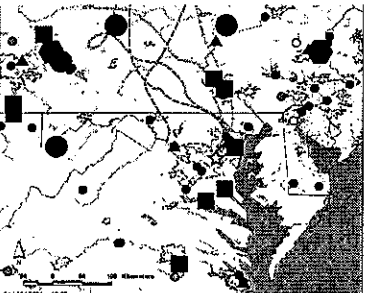
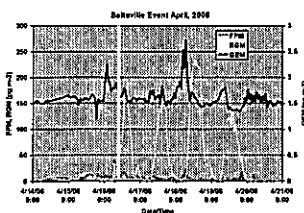
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- other fuel combustion
- waste incineration
- metallurgical
- manufacturing & other

Back-trajectories starting at the indicated fraction of the mixed layer height. Circles on the trajectories mark the hourly positions

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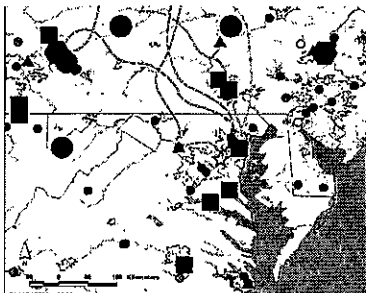
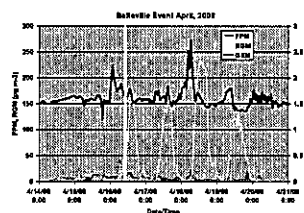
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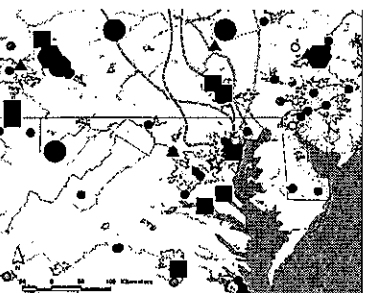
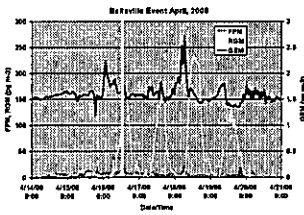
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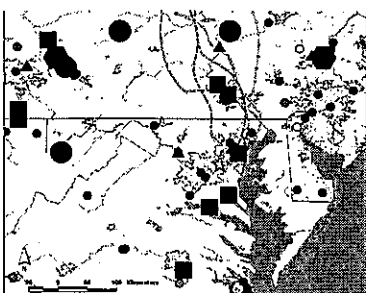
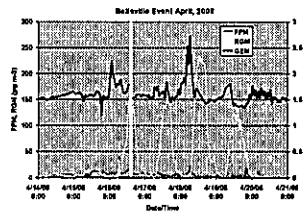
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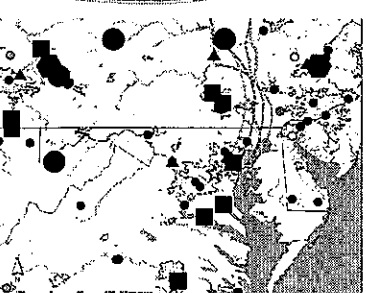
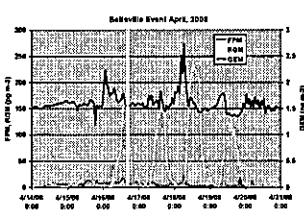
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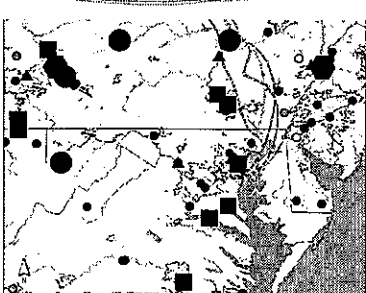
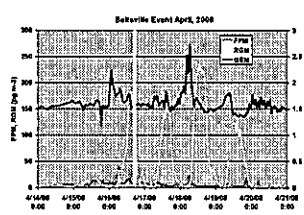
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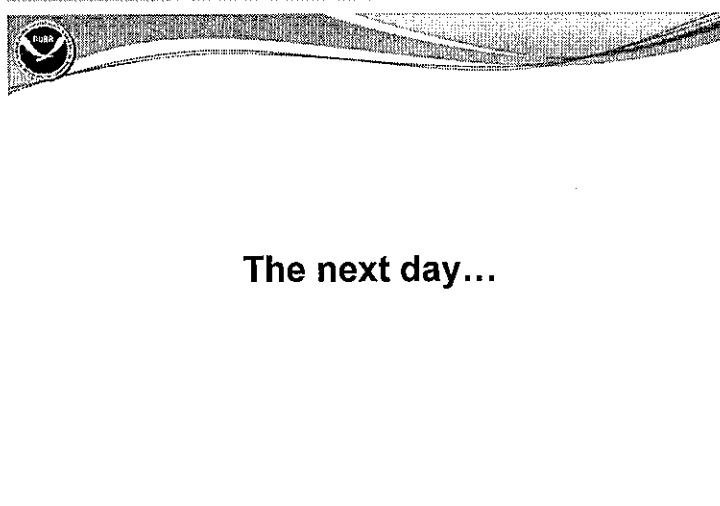
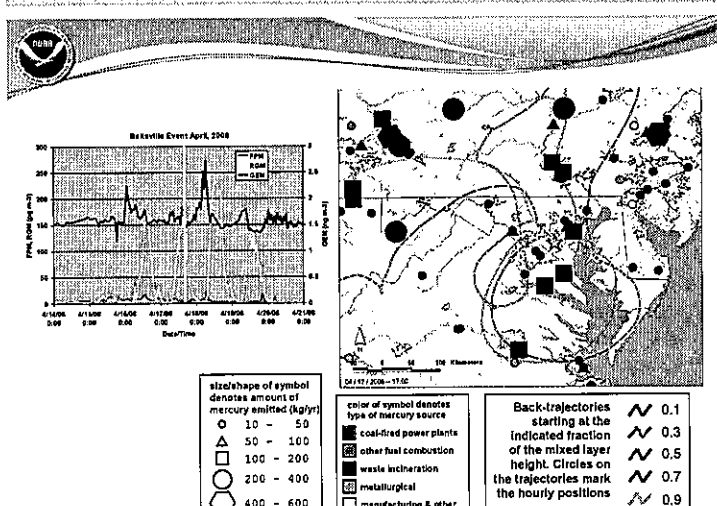
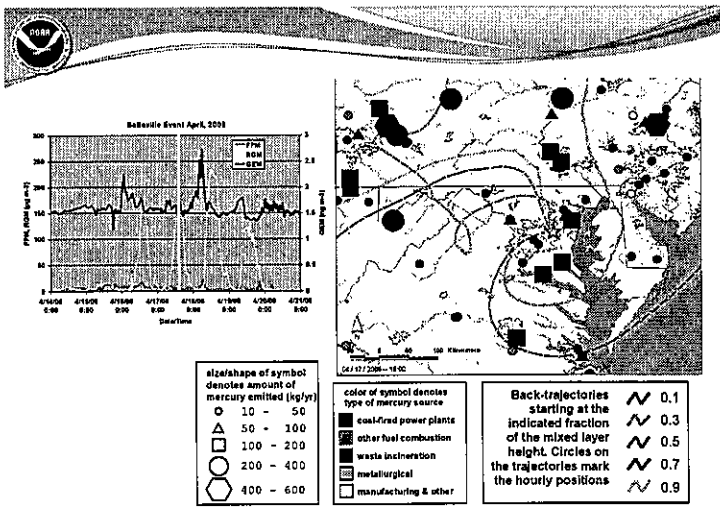
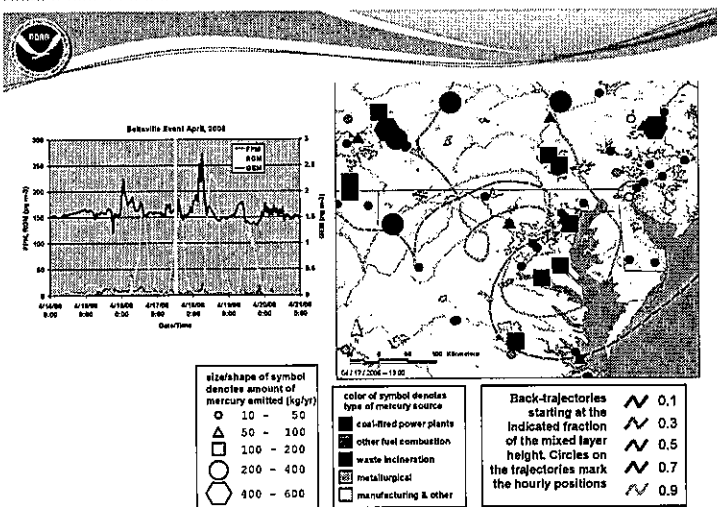
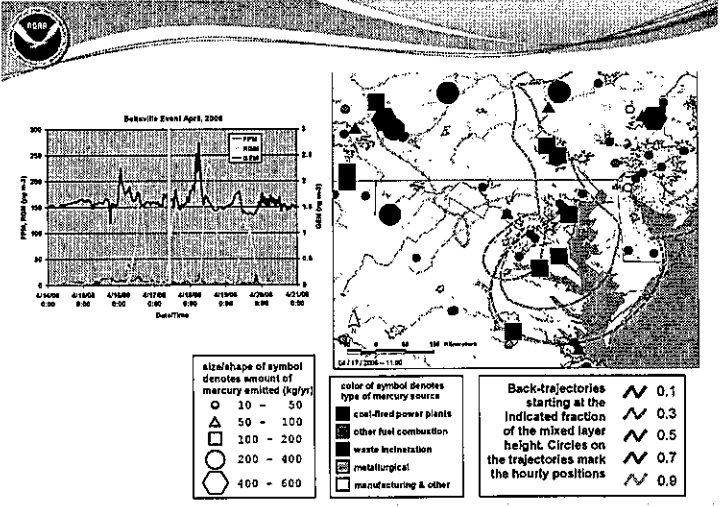
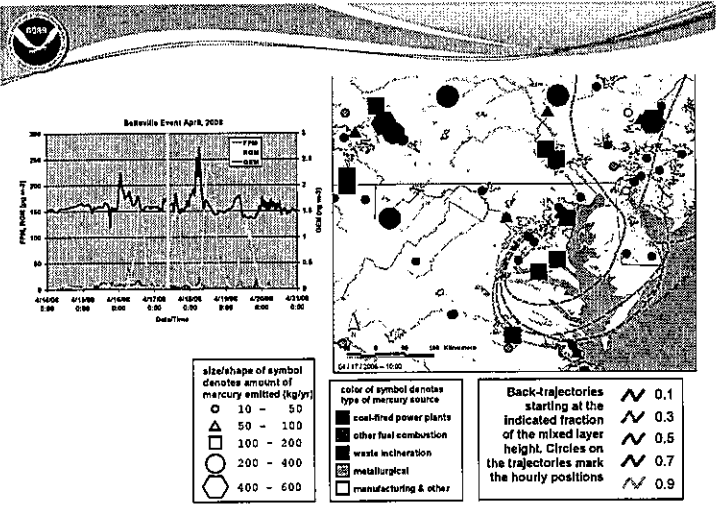
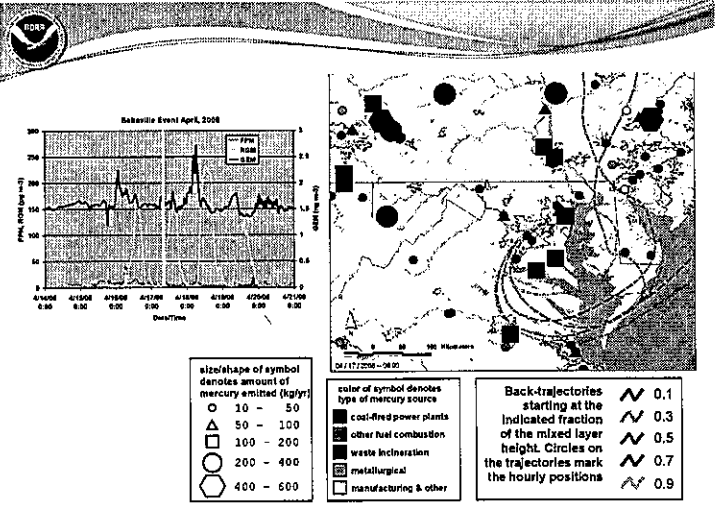
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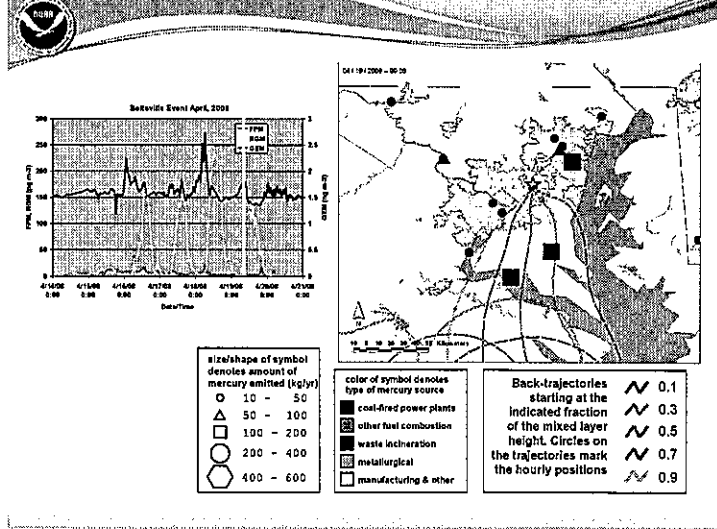
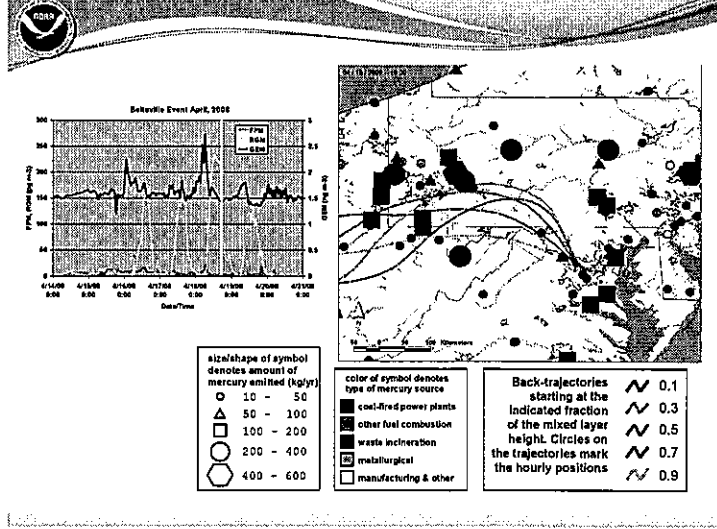
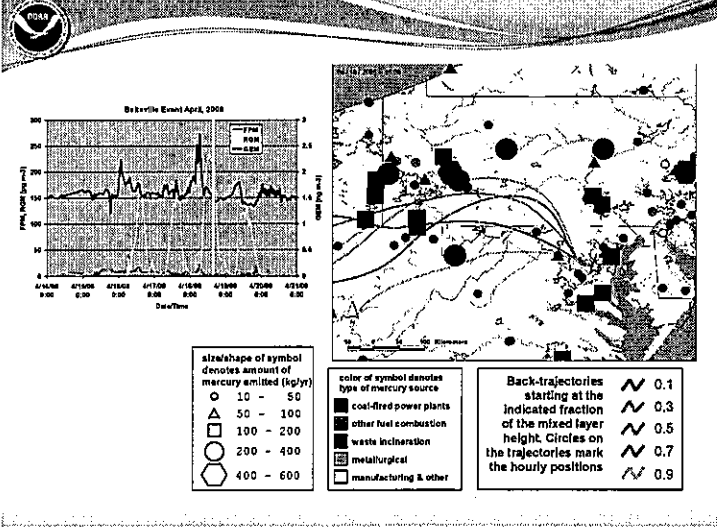
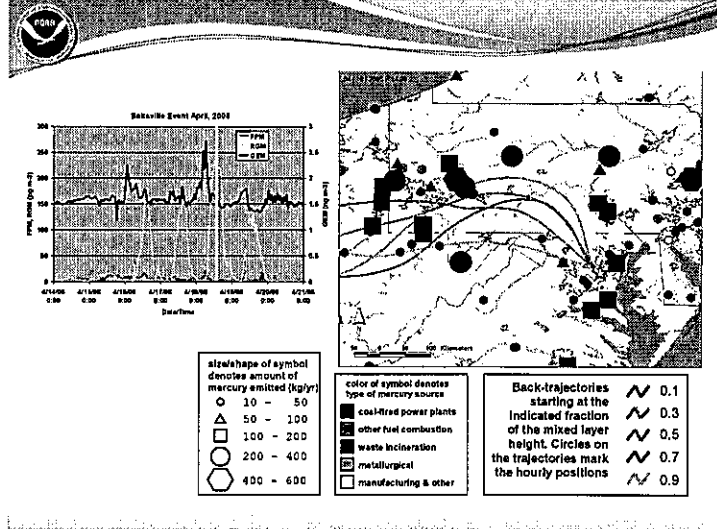
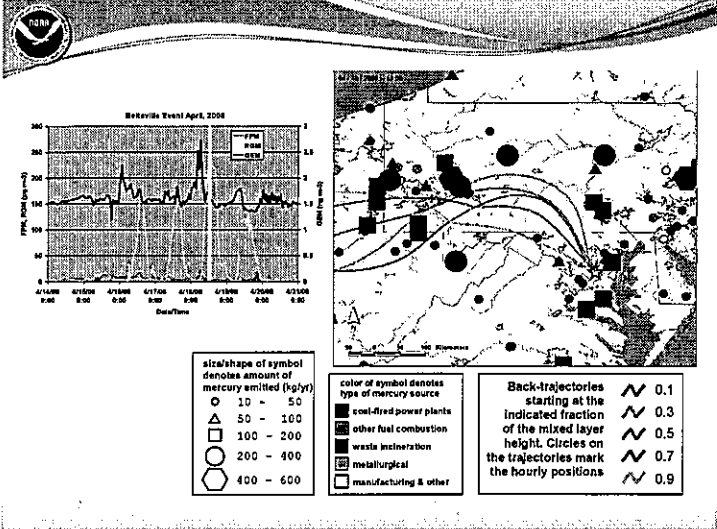
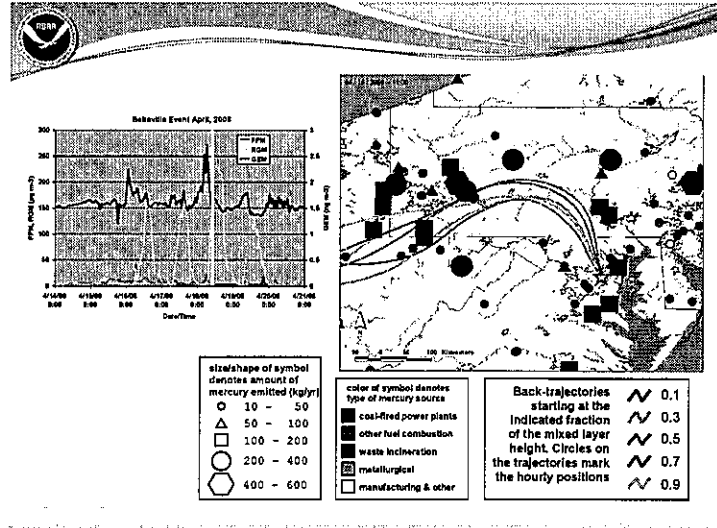
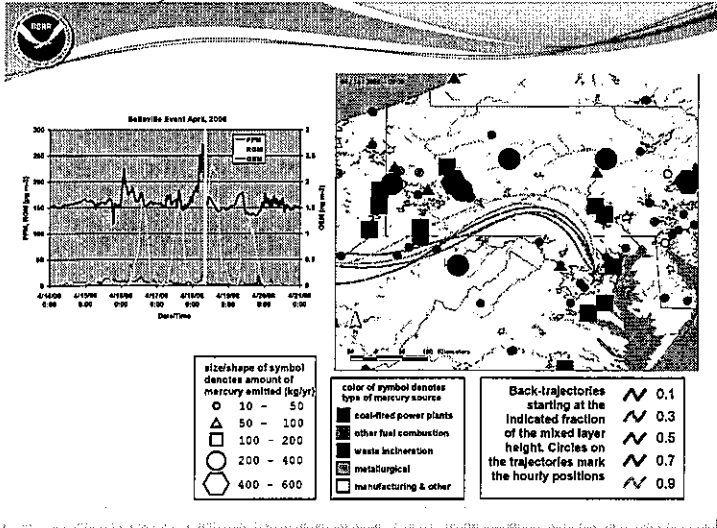
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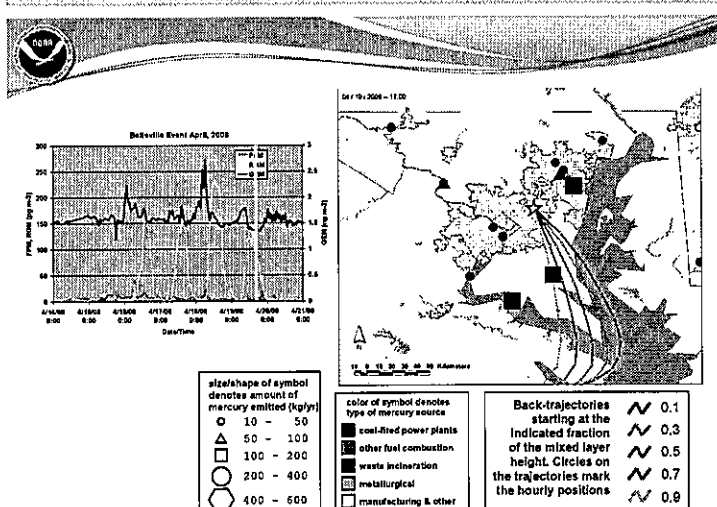
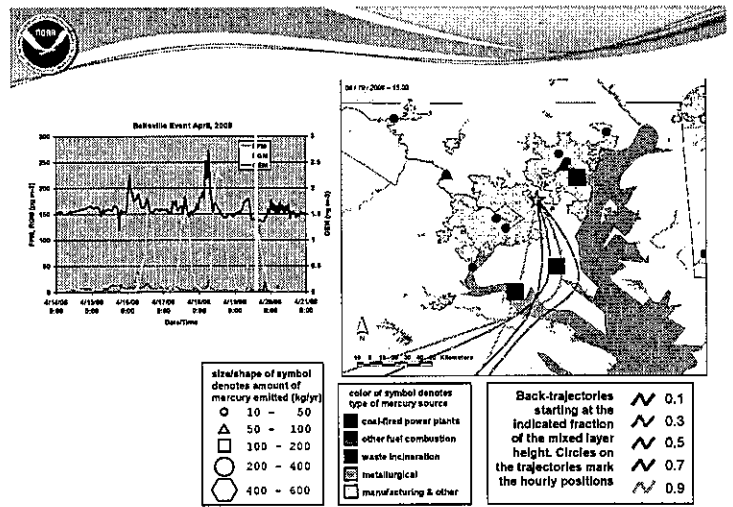
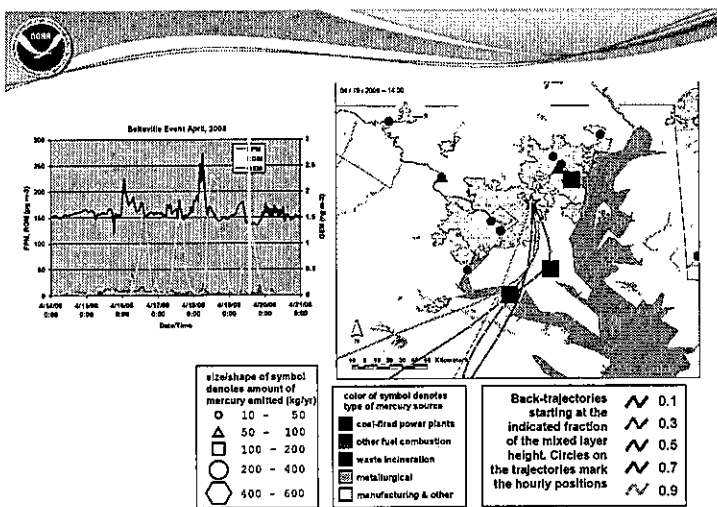
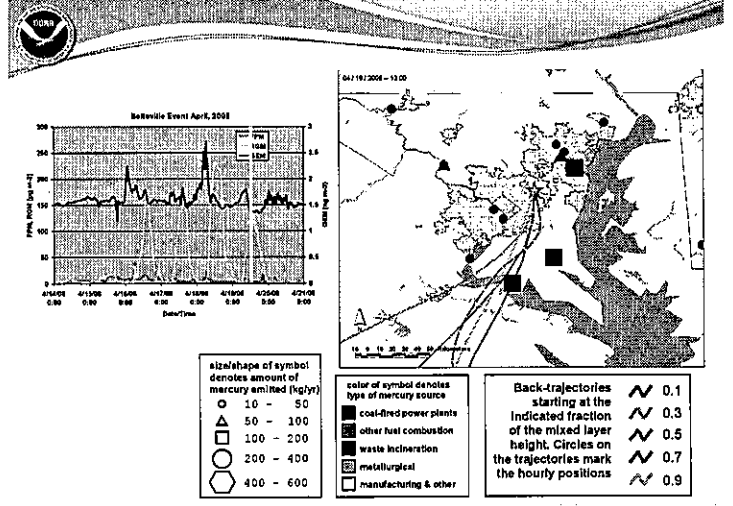
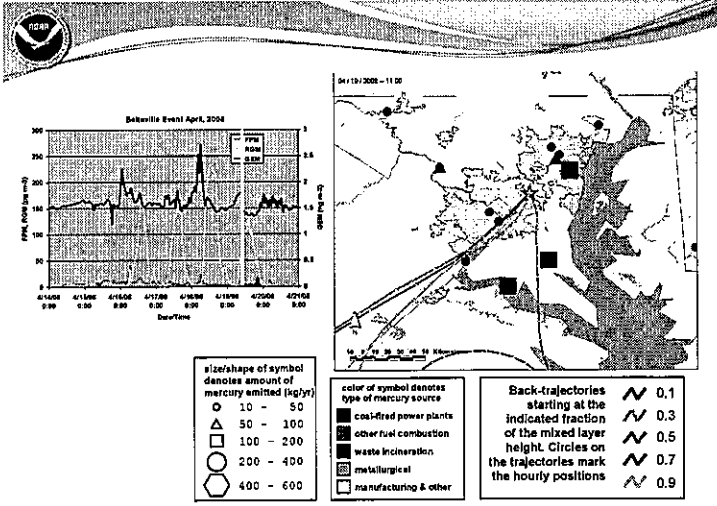
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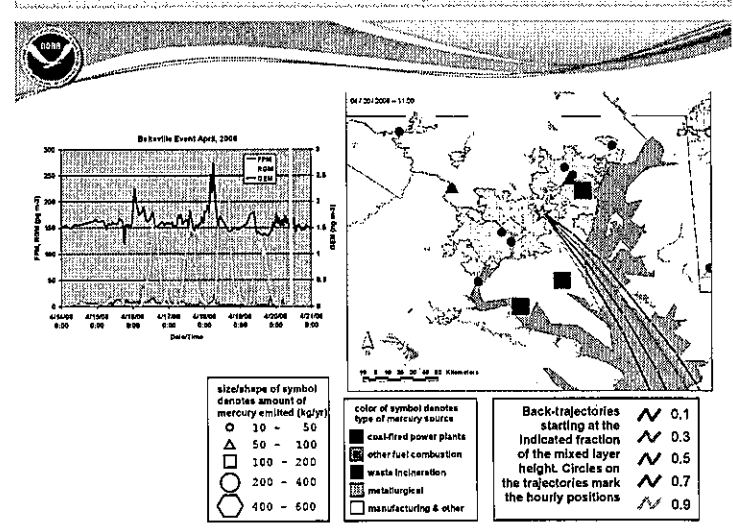
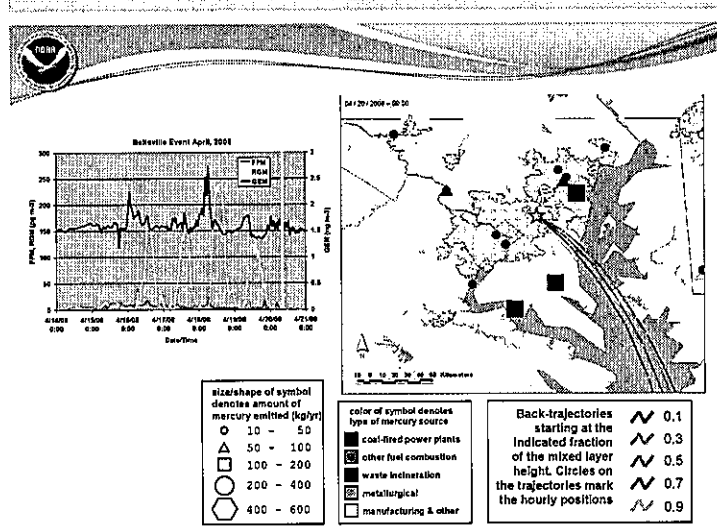
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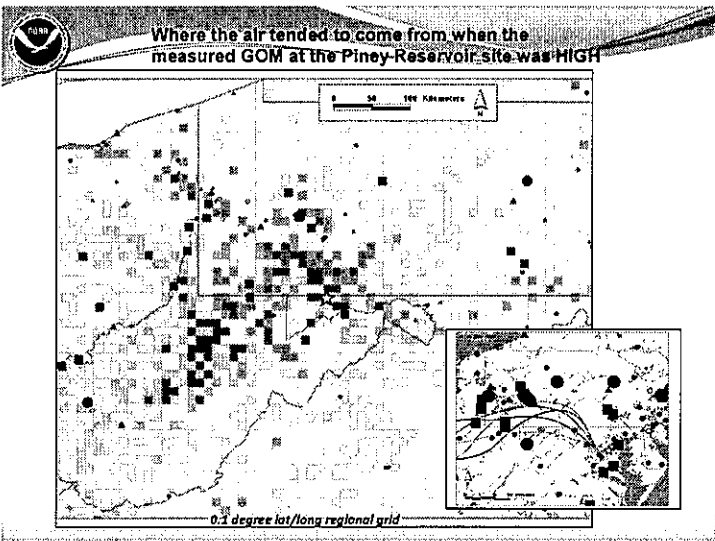
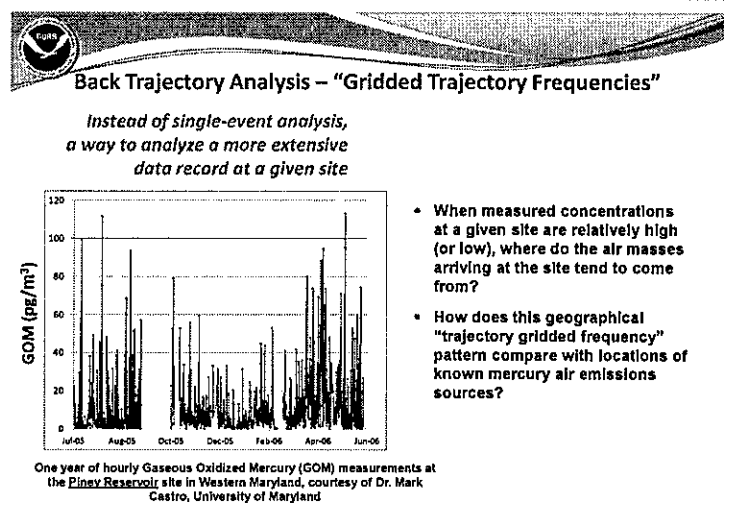
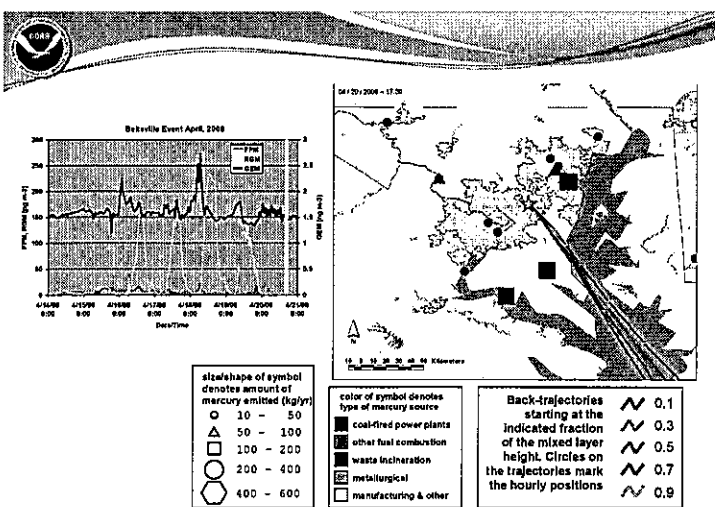
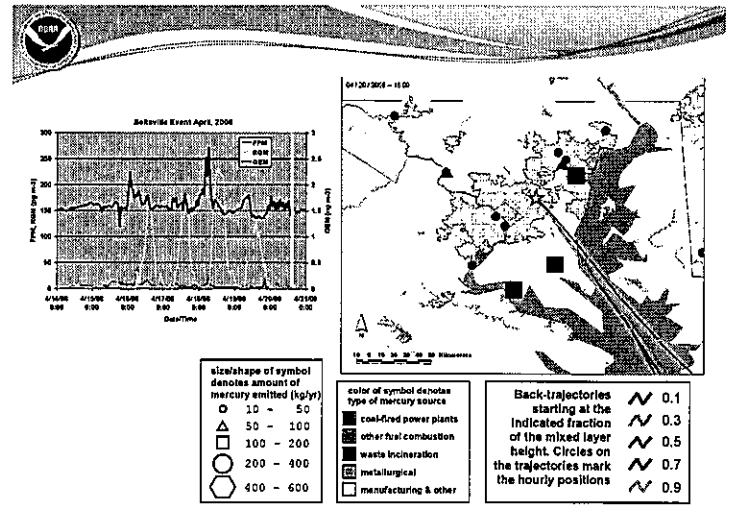
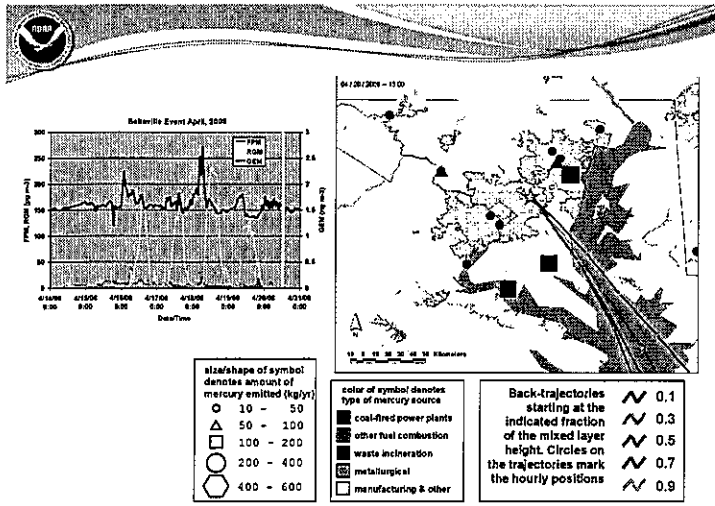
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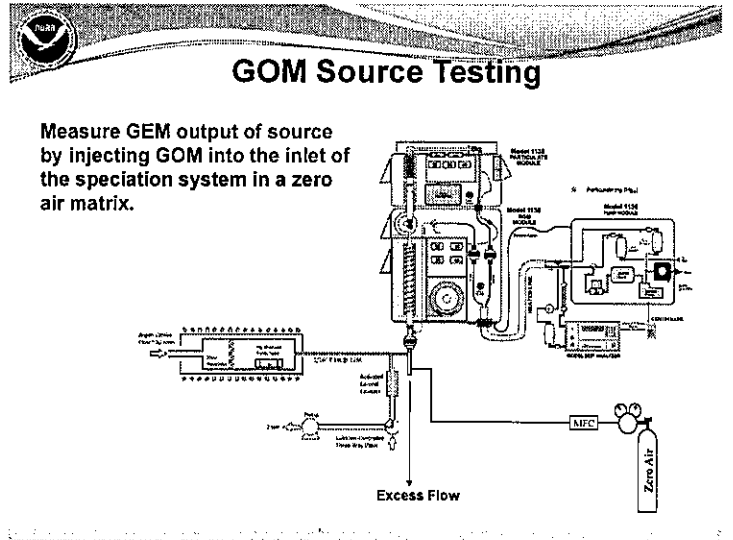
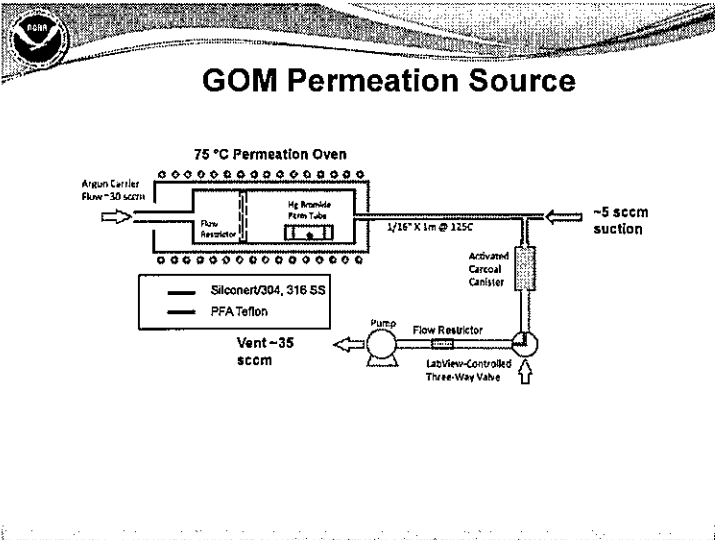
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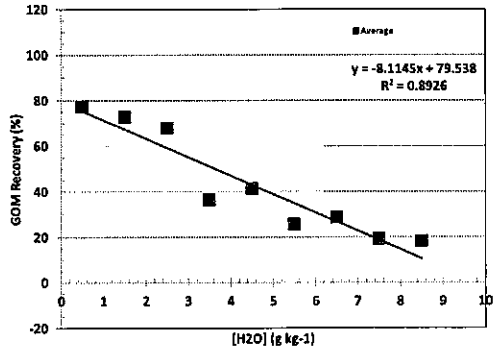




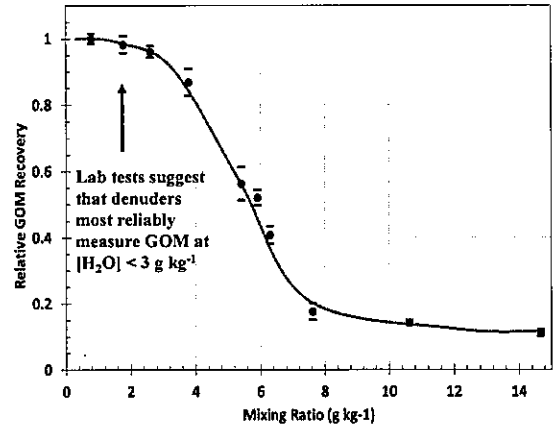
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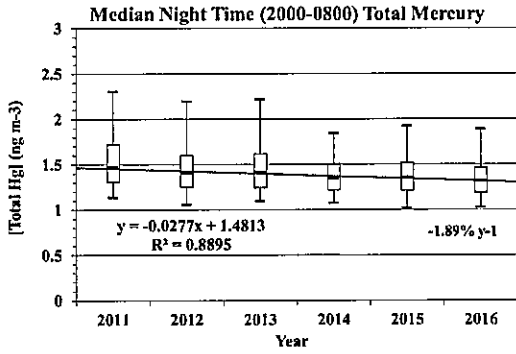
### Humidity Effects on GOM Recovery



### Water Vapor Effects on GOM Recovery: [O<sub>3</sub>] = 60 ppb



### Trend Detection



Trend in night time (2000-0800 hours) total Hg at Mauna Loa is approximately -1.9% per year from 2011-2017

# Outlines

## Environmental Mercury Monitoring in Taiwan



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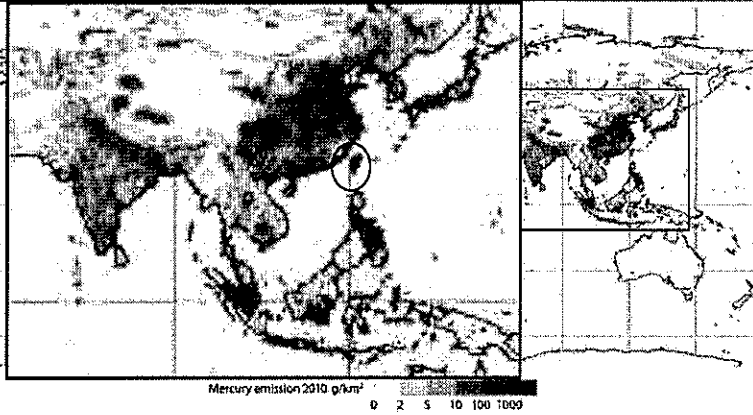


1. Background

2. Mercury monitoring of Environmental Medium in Taiwan

3. The recycling experience of mercury lamps and batteries

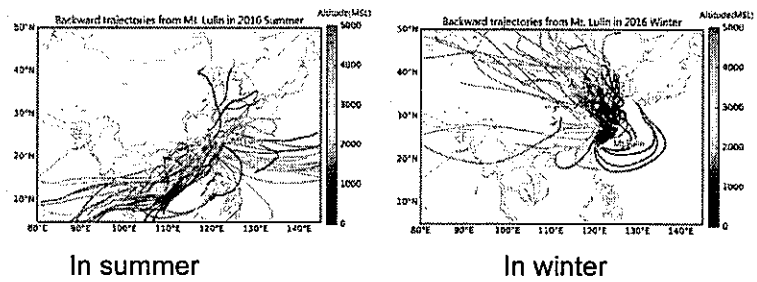
### Background



Global distribution of anthropogenic mercury emissions to air in 2010. (US EPA website)

### Background

#### Backward Trajectories from middle Taiwan (Mt.Lulin) in 2016



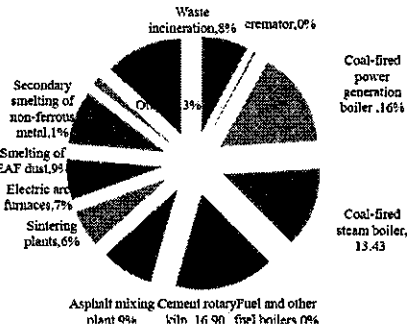
In summer

In winter

### Background

#### Mercury emissions inventory (2016)

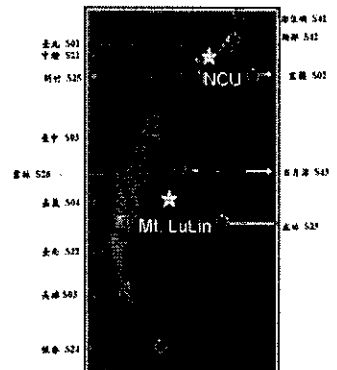
| Category  | Mercury emission (t/yr) |
|---|-------------------------|
| Waste incineration, cremator                    | 0.156                   |
| Coal-fired power boiler and Cogeneration Boiler | 0.318                   |
| Coal-fired steam boiler                         | 0.267                   |
| Fuel and other fuel boilers                     | 0.001                   |
| Cement rotary kiln                              | 0.336                   |
| Asphalt mixing plant                            | 0.176                   |
| Sintering plants                                | 0.123                   |
| Electric arc furnaces                           | 0.137                   |
| Smelting of EAF dust                            | 0.181                   |
| Secondary smelting of non-ferrous metal         | 0.028                   |
| Others  | 0.261                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>1.989</b>            |



Major sources: cement rotary kiln, coal-fired steam boiler, coal-fired power generation boiler, and smelting of EAF dust

### Mercury Monitoring of Environmental Medium

Atmospheric Hg Monitoring  
-Gaseous Element Hg, gaseous oxidized Hg, and particulate-bound Hg (Mt.LuLin Monitoring Station)  
-Wet Deposition (Mt. LuLin and NCU by MIC-B samplers, another 12 sites based on acid rain sampler)



Locations of sites

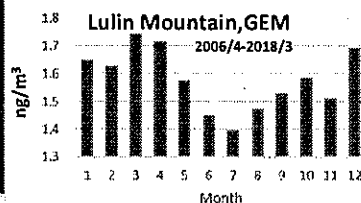
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#### Mercury in Air

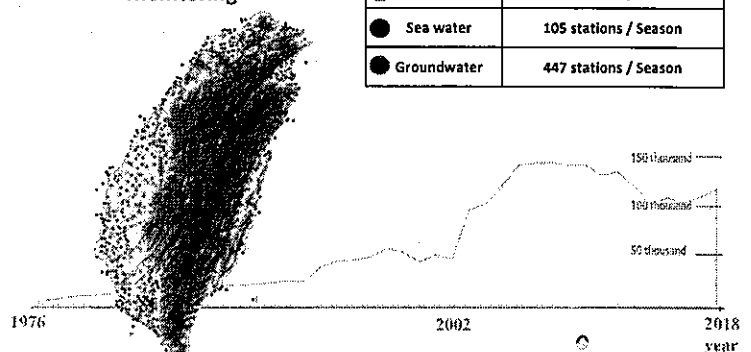
##### Monitor Gaseous Mercury since 2007

Data range: 0.43-7.4 ng/m<sup>3</sup>  
Annual average: 2.11-9.94 ng/m<sup>3</sup>  
WHO standard: 10 ng/m<sup>3</sup>



#### Mercury in Water Monitoring

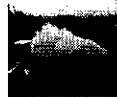
| Water Body  | Monitoring Frequency  |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| River       | 303 stations / Month  |
| Sea water   | 105 stations / Season |
| Groundwater | 447 stations / Season |



Mercury in Water Monitoring

| Water Body  | Measured range (mg/L) | Number of stations detected |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| River       | ND ~ 0.0007           | 2                           |
| Sea water   | ND                    | 0                           |
| Groundwater | ND ~ 0.0024           | 1                           |

Detection Limit : 0.0005 mg/L  
Regulatory standards: 0.001 mg/L

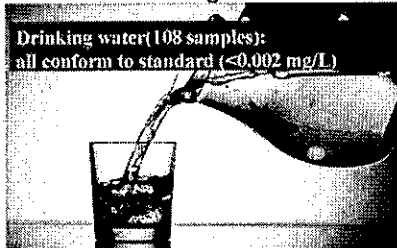


Erren River  
0.0007 mg/L

Zengyun River  
0.0006 mg/L

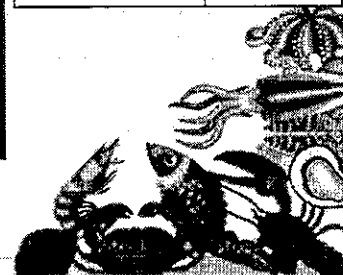
Taoyuan City  
0.0024 mg/L

Mercury in Drinking Water & Organism Monitoring

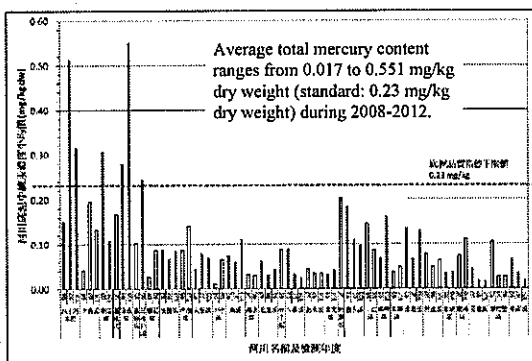


Drinking water (108 samples):  
all conform to standard (<0.002 mg/L)

| Mercury average of Organism in River (mg/kg) |       |
|--|-------|
| 2011 Wu River                                | 0.043 |
| 2012 Xindian River                           | 0.019 |



The distribution of total mercury content in the river sediments



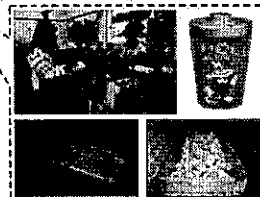
(5) Sellers and Collection Channels

A. Sellers

- a. Based on the Article 15 of Waste Disposal Act, Sellers shall bear the responsibility of collection.
- b. Sellers designated by TEPA shall install collection facilities and take back Regulated Recyclable Wastes.

B. Collection Channels

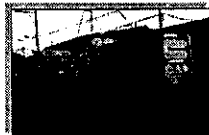
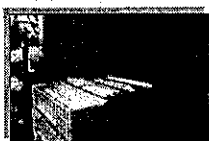
- a. Batteries : Supermarkets, Wholesale Stores, Chain Convenient Stores, Village/Community Collection Stands, Municipal Collection Trucks, Telecommunications, Chain Pharmacies, Schools, Convenient Stores in Traffic Station and Collectors
- b. Lamps : Lamp Sellers, Village/Community Collection Stands, Municipal Collection Trucks and



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(6) Municipal governments and grants

- A. Local governments have the responsibility of collecting RRW (including waste lamps and batteries) from the household.
- B. Recycling Fund Management Board (RFMB) provides grants for local governments to :
  - a. build or run collection, storage and sorting facilities.
  - b. procure collecting trucks and equipment.
  - c. implement educational and promotional programs.
- C. The local governments can reimburse part of the educational programs and equipment costs by selling or auctioning off the collected RRW.



educational and promotional activities

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APMMN Promotion



- > Initiator : Taiwan EPA, USEPA since 2012 to establish
- > Goal : Systematically monitor wet deposition and atmospheric concentrations of mercury in a network of stations throughout the Asia-Pacific region
- > Samplers deployed from TEPA: Vietnam, Thailand, Philippine and Sri Lanka so far
- > The 7th APMMN Annual meeting :NOW
- > Center For Environmental Monitoring and Technology(2016)



● Operating  
● Affiliated Network  
● Phase II  
● Phase III  
● Central Laboratory (NGU)

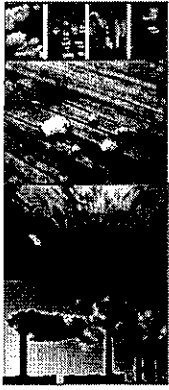


What's the next?

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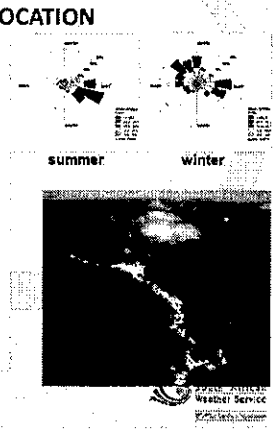
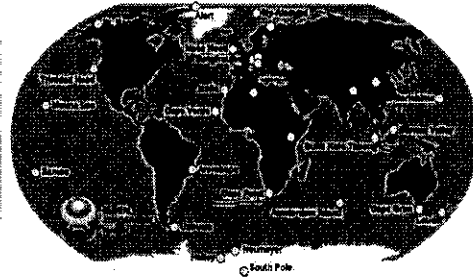
# Mercury Monitoring at the Cape Point GAW Station in South Africa



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## Cape Point location, Location, LOCATION



31 GAW Stations with WMO Network

## Background & History

During subsequent years, more measurement added:

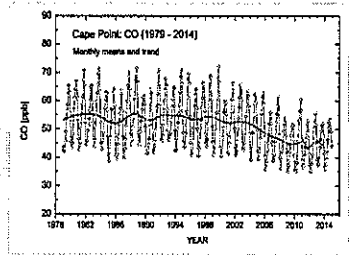
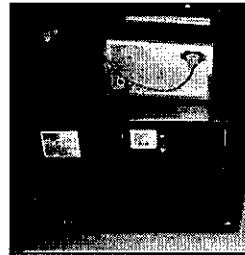
- Greenhouse gases
- CO<sub>2</sub> (1992); CH<sub>4</sub> (1984); N<sub>2</sub>O (1994); SF<sub>6</sub> (2009)
- Other trace gases – CO (1978); O<sub>3</sub> (1983); <sup>222</sup>Rn (1999)
- Halo/Fluorocarbons: CFC<sub>1</sub>, CCl<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>, CCl<sub>2</sub>F-CClF<sub>2</sub> and CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> (1979)
- Total Gaseous Mercury (1995)
- Aerosol optical properties (AOD) (2008)
- Solar radiation – (UVA, UVB, Global, Total & Diffuse)
- Met parameters: Wind, Pressure, Temperature, Relative humidity, Rainfall (early 90's)
- Regional Dobson - Irene (1989) & Springbok (1995)



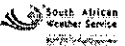
## Background & History

> First measurement made in 1978 - Carbon monoxide (CO)

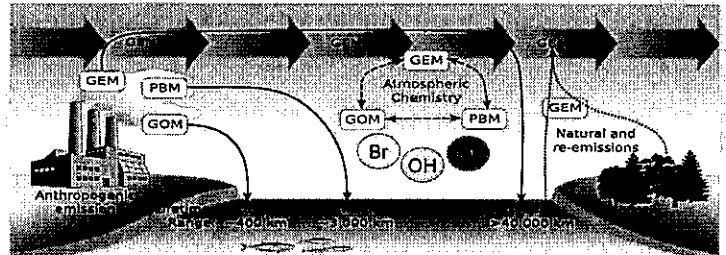
As collaboration with Max Planck Institute, Germany



Reduction Gas Analyzer discontinued in Dec 2015



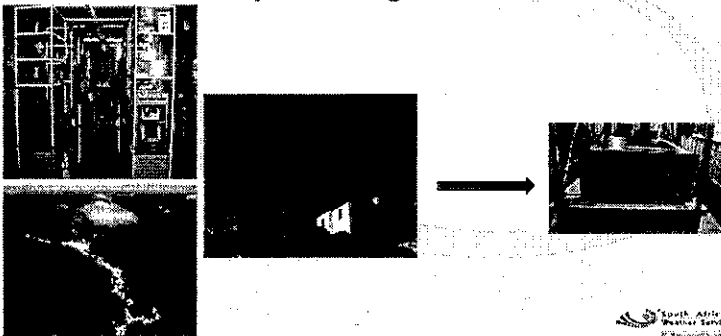
## Atmospheric Chemistry of Hg



GEM (Gaseous Elemental Mercury)  
GOM (Gaseous Oxidized Mercury)  
PBM (Particulate Bound Mercury)



## Cape Point Hg Results



## First Results of CPT Hg Program published in 2002

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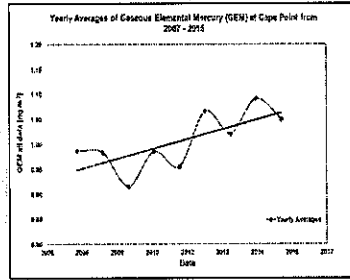


## Cape Point Mercury Monitoring Key Findings

- > CPT GAW Station is suited for long term monitoring of background trends in SH
- > CPT is representative for the Southern Atlantic Ocean
- > GEM trends in SH similar to that observed in NH but 6-12 month lag (Mt. Wank Comparison)
- > Continued measurements at CPT will provide information on the North-South distribution of natural and anthropogenic Hg emissions



## Current Status of CPT GEM Background Concentrations



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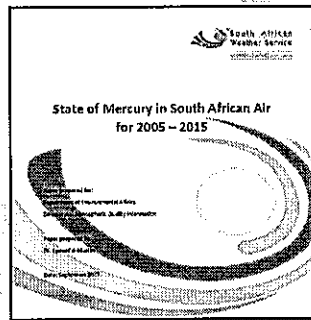


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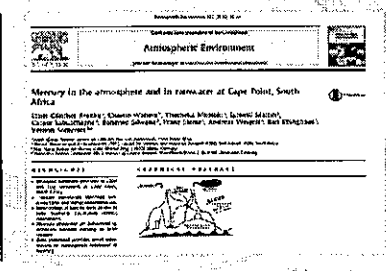
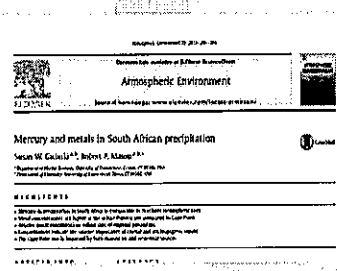
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Anthropogenic mercury emissions are transported through the atmosphere to remote coastal locations (CPT) before they are deposited to Earth's surface. Strong seasonality in atmospheric Hg(0) concentrations in the Northern Hemisphere has been explained by the Northern anthropogenic Hg(0) emissions and thought to persist in other sites in the Southern Hemisphere, and atmospheric circulation over of Hg(0) are under investigation. Evidence that Hg(0) seasonality is strongly pronounced in the Southern Hemisphere, which is in contrast with observations of coastal sites near Hg(0) levels, have revealed that the Hg(0) seasonality is an atmospheric phenomenon for which Hg(0) seasonality is related to seasonal CO<sub>2</sub> concentration variations. This relationship is established in a model in which CO<sub>2</sub> is modulated by vegetation. The amplitude of seasonal variations in the atmospheric Hg(0) concentration increases with latitude and is larger at higher latitudes than at lower latitudes. Using satellite data, we find that the photosynthetic activity of vegetation correlates with Hg(0) levels at individual sites and across continents. We suggest that seasonal variations in atmospheric Hg(0) levels, which can contribute to seasonal variations of atmospheric Hg(0) and that atmospheric Hg(0) levels in the Northern Hemisphere over the past 20 years can be partly attributed to increased levels of net primary production.

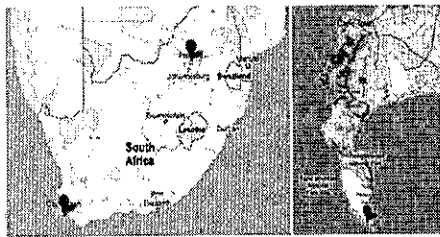
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## Mercury in Rainwater SAWS & CSIR (2007-ongoing)



## Mercury in Rainwater 2007 – 2009 data CPT and PTA

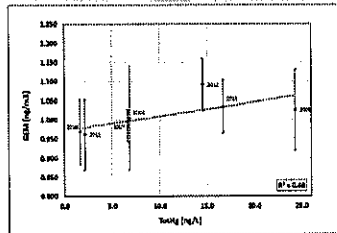


- > Hg in rainwater SA is comparable to NH-Sites.
- > Hg concentrations higher in urban PTA than CPT.
- > VWM for Hg CPT 10.6 ng/L PTA 15.8 ng/L
- > CPT impacted by both marine air and local course



Oichuki & Mason 2013, Atmospheric Environment

## Mercury in Rainwater (2007-2013) at CPT



- > Observed a positive correlation between GEM vs TotHg.
- > Positive correlation between GEM vs TotHg indicates that both are a function of Hg emissions.

## Clear Influence of El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) on GEM



Bunke et al. 2016, Atmospheric Environment

## Outputs of CPT Hg Monitoring Programme

- > Hons Project 2005 LG. Martin, Stellenbosch University
- > 2x MSc- PGL Baker 1999
- > LG Martin 2007, Mercury Speciation in Coal (Funded by Eskom)
- > 1x PhD A Venter 2016 North West University (Funded by SASOL)
- > ± 20 Hg Publications since 2002 on CPT data only
- > Several Oral and Poster presentations at SASAS, NACA, ICMGP and ICHMET.
- > CPT Hg data set the longest Hg data set in the SH and 2<sup>nd</sup> longest in the World.



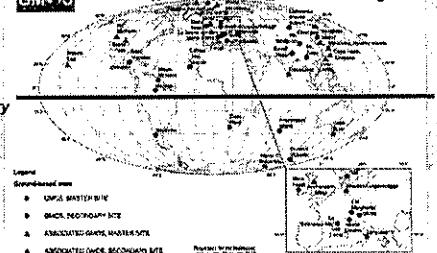
## Importance of CPT GAW Site by involvement in GMOS

Cape Point became a Partner of the Global Mercury Observation System (GMOS)

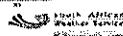


Ground-based monitoring sites

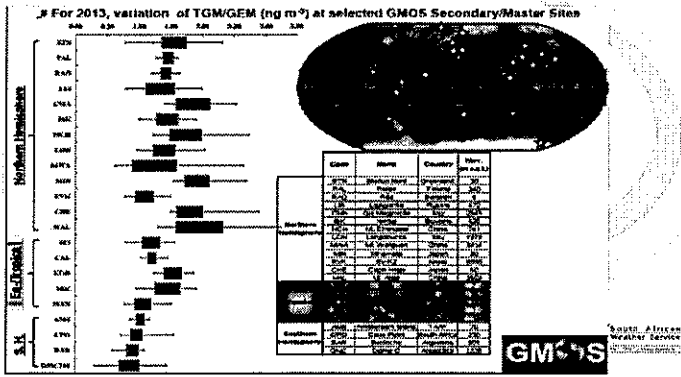
GOAL: ESTABLISH Global observation System for Mercury  
 IPT Funded Project EU  
 Nov 2010 – Oct 2015  
 Budget of 6.8 Million Euros



Limited number of Monitoring Sites in Africa and the Southern Hemisphere



### GMOS: Major Achievements



### Cape Point involvement in UNEP and GEF Projects (2016-2018)

UNEP GEF

Report by UN Environment, the World Health Organisation and Indian National Research Council - Institute of Atmospheric Pollution Research regarding the activities of the Global Environment Facility Project: Development of a Plan for Global Monitoring of Human Exposure to and Environmental Concentrations of Mercury

#### ELEMENTS TO CONSIDER WHEN DESIGNING A GLOBAL MONITORING PLAN FOR MERCURY

GEF Project No. 2499

**Objectives:**

- Test various approaches for monitoring and to strengthen the capacity for mercury analysis in baseline and the environment

**Implementing partners of the GEF project are:**

- UN Environment, Chemicals and Health Branch;
- Indian National Research Council - Institute of Atmospheric Pollution Research (INRAC); and
- World Health Organisation, Regional Office for Europe - European Centre for Environment and Health (WHO ECEH).

For more information please refer to Report to Member States of the Global Monitoring Plan for Mercury. To download go to our website at [www.unep.org/mercury](http://www.unep.org/mercury).

### Elements to consider when designing a monitoring plan on the presence of mercury in air

#### PROJECT COMPONENTS AND OUTPUTS

The reports to date have successfully identified their objectives and their outputs and activities in the years before. One of all these activities has been to conduct a feasibility study of a global monitoring plan for mercury in air.

- **UNEP**: Identify the global air quality monitoring network for mercury in air.
- **WHO**: Conduct a feasibility study of a global monitoring plan for mercury in air.
- **INRAC**: Conduct a feasibility study of a global monitoring plan for mercury in air.

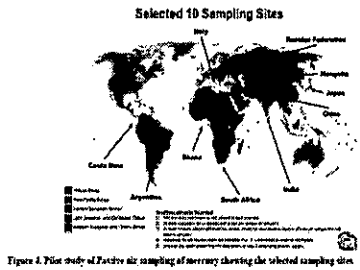
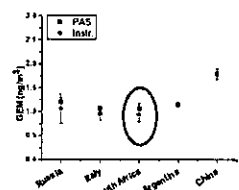
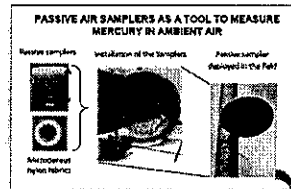


Figure 4. Feasibility study of Passive air sampling of mercury showing the selected sampling sites

### Project Results



- GEM mean values comparison between analytical instruments and PASs:
- PAS values result within SD of instrumental data
  - PAS could give info when electrical troubles happened on the equipment.
  - PAS Cheap and reliable to monitor Hg in Air can easy be deploy in remote locations

### Mercury Research by National Government of SA (DEA) as Part of Ratification process

UNEP LEVEL 1 TOOLKIT 2011

Mercury Inventory in South Africa Using the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Toolkit Level 1

Reported by: Department of Environmental Affairs

Prepared by: M&E Environmental Consultants (Pty) Ltd

Approved: 2013

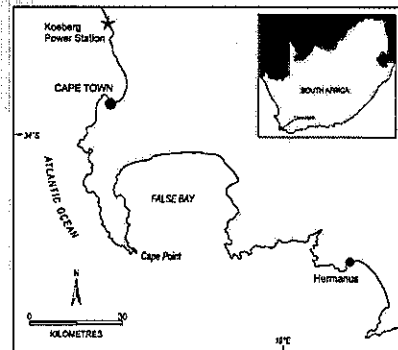
#### INVENTORY OF MERCURY RELEASES IN SOUTH AFRICA

2013

1<sup>st</sup> Draft Report UNEP Level 2 Toolkit Apr 2018

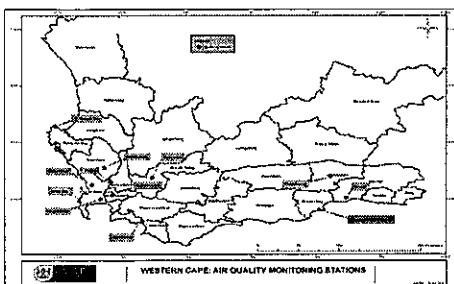
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### FUTURE PLANS FOR Hg WET DEPOSITION NETWORK IN SA



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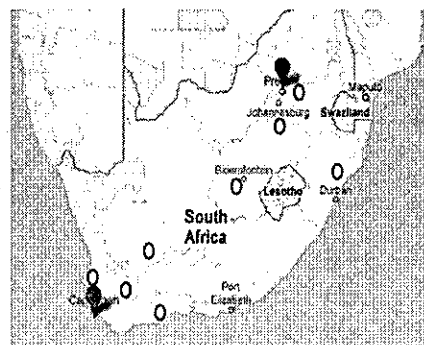
12 PROVINCIAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STATIONS IN WESTERN CAPE



- PM 10 & 2.5
- Ozone
- SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>
- CO
- BTEX
- Deploy 4 rain collectors for 2019 rainy season (May – Sep)

South African Weather Service

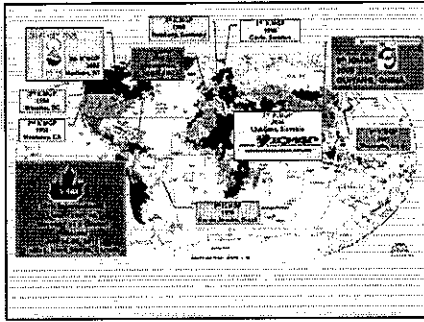
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N-West Univ.  
Univ. Zululand  
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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MERCURY AS A GLOBAL POLLUTANT (ICMGP)**



1. Sweden 1990
2. USA 1992
3. Canada 1994
4. Germany 1996
5. Brazil 1999
6. Japan 2001
7. Slovenia 2004
8. USA 2006
9. China 2009
10. Canada 2011
11. Scotland 2015
12. S-Korea 2015
13. USA 2017
14. Poland 2019
15. 8-13 Sep

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*Theme:*  
 From Minamata to Africa and beyond

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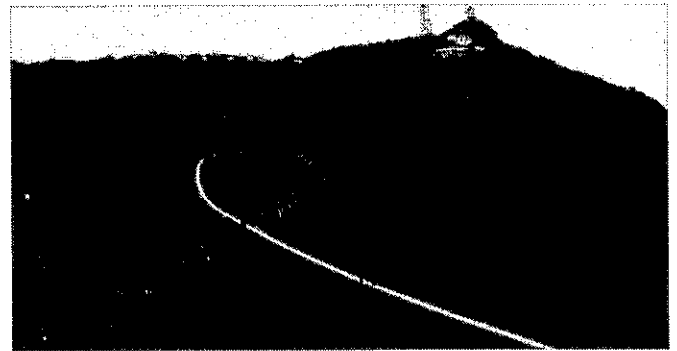
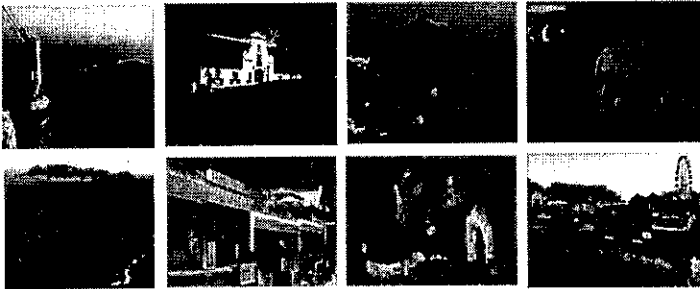


**Logo & Theme**

- a droplet of quicksilver, the historic name for mercury.
- ★ the location of the Global Atmospheric Watch Station at Cape Point where mercury is measured, and where tourists mistakenly think the "two oceans meet".
- ★ and "Cape Town" equates to the colour of the clear blue skies and oceans at the tip of Africa, the meeting place for experts to share global Hg matters.
- ⤵ the warm Agulhas & cold Benguela currents, with directional flows from north to south and south to north, respectively, which also signifies the "north-south-north interactions" of the mercury legacy of the conference in Cape Town.
- Hg the element symbol for mercury is placed in the ocean, as the ocean is a sink for this ubiquitous trace metal.
- Hg, "ICMGP" and "2021" represents the colour of quicksilver / mercury, for the conference to be held in 2021.

**Addressing Mercury challenges in  
 Global Environmental Change**

**We won't JUDGE you if you come for THIS instead of ICMGP 2021**





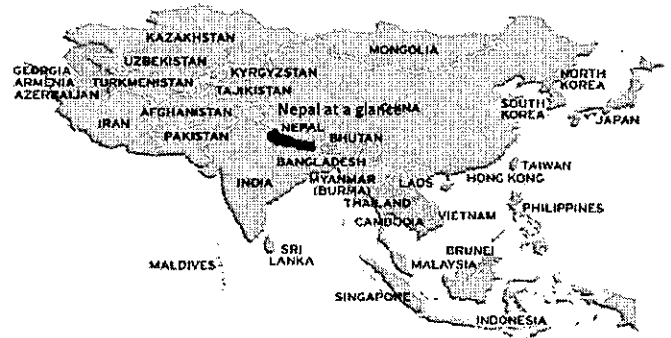
## Map of Nepal

# The Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network (APMMN) Meeting September 5-7

## Overview of mercury hazard in Nepal

Ms. Safala Shrestha  
Department of Environment  
Nepal

Date: 2018/09/06



### Nepal at a glance

- **Federal Republic of Nepal** from 2008, consist of seven provinces and 753 local government.
- **Area:** Approximately 147,000 sq km,
- **Three ecological zones**
- **Lowland:** 17 percent.
- **Midland:** 64 percent soars up to 487m.
- **The highland:** 19% ranges between 4877 m – 8848 m, (8 highest summits out of 14 summits around the world)
- **Population:** 26 million (2011est. )

### Status of Minamata Convention Implementation

- Nepal signed Minamata convention on 10 October, 2013 and is in the process of ratification by the Parliament
- Nepal is preparing for ratification to become its party and to be obliged to the convention.
- Nepal has translated Minamata Convention into Nepalese Language.

### Cont..

- The overall objective of the MIA is to strengthen Nepal's national capacity to fulfil the obligations under the Minamata Convention and promote effective implementation of its provisions.
- Now it is working in collecting baseline information on mercury use and releases within the country.

### Legal Practices on Controlling Mercury Emission

- Environment Protection Act, 1996 and Environment Protection Rule, 1997
- Solid waste management Act 2011
- There is no specific act/regulation for the management of mercury till date.
- Mercury and mercury compounds are listed as hazardous substances in the annex of recently drafted Hazardous Substance Management Regulation which is in the process of approval.
- The government of Nepal has set standard tolerance limit for Mercury in Effluent discharge from industries as 0.01mg/l and emission from incinerator as 0.05 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>.

### Conti...

- GoN is executing a project entitled "**Enabling Activities to Conduct Minamata Convention Initial Assessment (MIA) in Nepal**".
- The project has technical support from UNEP.
- The MIA activities will complement the country's efforts to significantly reduce the exposure of mercury to human health and the environment.

### Status of Mercury in the country

- Nepal does not produce Mercury. There is no mining facilities in the country.
- Mercury and mercury compounds are being imported form other countries and used for different purposes in different sectors as per the requirement.

## Mercury containing product

- Thermometer
- Barometer
- Hg-Lamp
- CFL bulb
- Dry/ Wet cell batteries
- Hg-metal
- Dental Amalgam
- Hg-compound
- Electronic products
- Ritual product

conti.

### Lamps and bulbs

- Mercury containing lamps (bulbs) like fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent CFL, high intensity discharge lamps were used as standard for energy efficient lamps. Government of Nepal used to encourage the public to use CFL but now a days mercury free alternatives such as light emitting diodes (LEDS) are also available. The use of CFL is being phase out slowly.

conti.

### Herbal Medicines

- Mercury compound cinnabar is widely used for the production of herbal drugs. Specially drugs are prepared for the relief of bone pain. Even up to 150 kg cinnabar are used per year by a single herbal drug industry .
- Many herbal products contains mercury compound.
- Cosmetics product contains mercuryare widely used.

### Existing situation of awareness

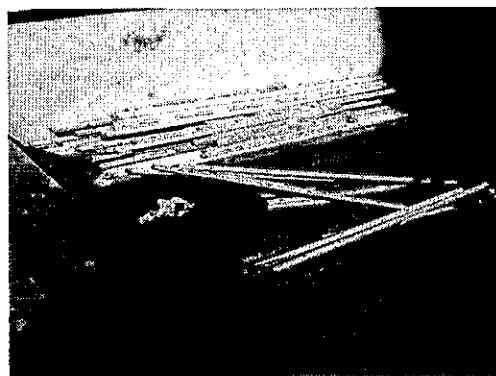
- Mercury and mercury containing products of different types are increasingly imported and consumed in Nepal.
- There is no proper information on the import and consumption.
- Even alarming is the situation that the general public does not know potential sources of Mercury,
- Unaware of mode of it's release into the environment and about its health impacts.
- Safety measures and trainings on hazards of mercury is lacking.
- Workers/assistants do not use any personal protective equipment/measures

## Uses of Mercury

### As dental filling

- Mercury is used as amalgam in general hospitals (Dental Departments) and dental hospitals.
- It is declining for higher income group due to the practice of alternatives like glass ionomer compomers but these types of mercury free alternatives are applicable for higher income group only.

### Florescent lamp separately kept



conti.

- **Mercury / Mercury compounds in laboratories**
- Mercury / Mercury compounds are also widely used in laboratories of higher secondary schools, universities, public and private laboratories
- Many alternatives have been developed for mercury containing reagents but mercuric chloride, mercuric iodide, mercuric sulphate are still.

### Disposal pattern

- Mainly through hospitals and dental practices, where proper segregation of wastes at the source is not done, larger amount of mercury released into the environment.
- Health care wastes (hospitals, dental hospitals/practices, pharmacies) is the significant / potential source of mercury release.
- The academic institutions and laboratories are to be considered as major release sources.

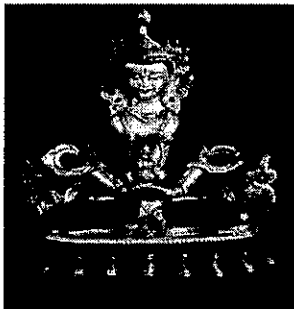
## Conti...

- Artisanal activities releases high amount of mercury to the environment. Nepal is popular for products of gold plated idol, which is developed as household industry which add on mercury pollution.
- During the combustion of coal, elemental mercury is emitted in considerable amount. Many industries are using coal as a source of energy.
- The mercury is released from broken or just thrown fluorescent lamp which adds on increasing release of mercury to the environment.
- From incineration of dead human body.

## conti...

- Needs to develop guidelines, build up and enhance capacity on the environmentally sound interim storage of mercury, mercury compounds and wastes.
- Raise resources to develop, implement and monitor mercury related programs.
- Awareness generating and capacity building programs on monitoring of mercury .

Idol with gold plated



## Way forward

- There is great need to develop and execute national implementation Plan for monitoring mercury.
- Develop an inventory of import, export of mercury and mercury containing products
- develop data base of emission and release of mercury and mercury added products.
- Control and reduce mercury emissions and disposal, wherever feasible.
- Needs to work hard for Ratification of mercury convention.

## Contd.

- Mercury monitoring program should be run with the support of APMMN.
- Capability development programs.
- Accreditation of Environment Laboratory.
- Developing some research program in the field of hazard Chemicals.
- Develop Collaboration with developing partners in order to develop knowledge and skill of staffs of the laboratory.

Waste dumped in River side



**Thanks for  
your attention!**

The 7th Annual Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network Partners Meeting  
5-7 September, 2018  
Manila, Philippines

Air pollution and Mercury monitoring activities in Mongolia

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National Agency for Meteorology and Environmental Monitoring, Mongolia

OUTLINE

1. The priority areas for implementation of the Minamata Convention in Mongolia
2. Air quality monitoring
2. Acid deposition monitoring
4. Future concern of Mercury monitoring activities in Mongolia

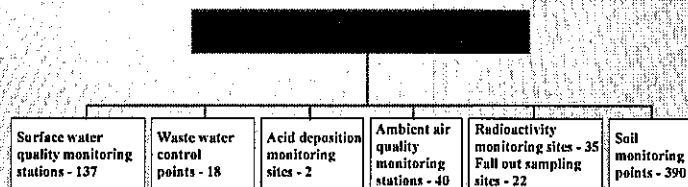
THE PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINAMATA CONVENTION IN MONGOLIA

Project "Ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury in Mongolia" /UNITAR 2015/

The priority areas for implementation of the Minamata Convention in Mongolia have been identified follows:

- Establish monitoring system for mercury releases to environment, training and awareness raising;
- Reduction of mercury emissions from primary anthropogenic sources;
- Reduction of usage of mercury containing products;
- Reduction of mercury emission from artisanal and small scale gold mining;

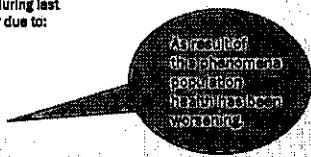
National Agency for Meteorology and Environmental Monitoring /NAMEM/



CURRENT SITUATION OF AMBIENT AIR POLLUTION IN ULAANBAATAR

Air pollution has been increasing intensely during last decade in Mongolia especially in Ulaanbaatar due to:

- urbanization,
- poor urban plan,
- raise of number of motorcycles,
- mainly coal for heating and cooking,
- other air pollution sources;



AIR QUALITY MONITORING: 40 St.



Location of AQ monitoring stations in Mongolia

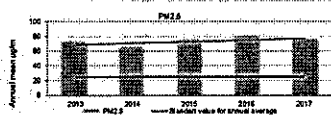
| Air pollutants       | Air quality monitoring stations      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sulphur dioxide SO2  | All monitoring stations              |
| Nitrogen dioxide NO2 | All monitoring stations              |
| PM10                 | 6 stations in UB, 8 province centers |
| PM2.5                | 4 monitoring stations in UB          |
| Carbon monoxide CO   | 5 stations in UB, 3 province centers |
| Ozone, O3            | 4 stations in UB                     |

- In Ulaanbaatar city there is a 15 station are running, 3 of them is manually operating stations, 12 is continuous automatic stations.
- The continuous automatic stations are running 24 hours online during every days.
- The chemical analyze using stations are taking short term sample twice a day.



Location of AQ monitoring stations in Ulaanbaatar

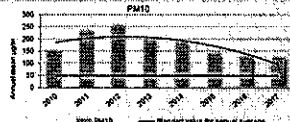
ANNUAL TRENDS OF AIR POLLUTANTS IN ULAANBAATAR CITY



According to the 2017 annual mean PM2.5 concentrations reached 75 µg/m³ and were 3 times higher than the AQS.



In 2017 the annual average concentration of sulfur dioxide was 24 µg/m³.



The PM10 concentration has decreasing trends since year 2012. In 2017 the annual PM10 concentrations decreased to 122 µg/m³, but 2.4 times higher than the AQS.



According to the 2017 annual average nitrogen dioxide content reached 39 µg/m³ but does not exceed in AQS during last 4 years.

ACID DEPOSITION MONITORING SITES IN MONGOLIA

| Sites                   | Characteristics | Latitude   | Longitude   | Altitude   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Ulaanbaatar (wet & dry) | Urban           | 47°55'13"N | 106°54'43"E | 1275 m asl |
| Terej (wet & dry)       | Remote          | 47°59'00"N | 107°27'04"E | 1550 m asl |



Ulaanbaatar site



Terej site, Winter season

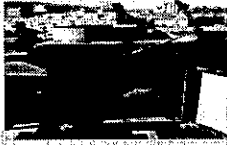
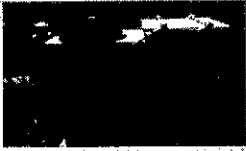


Terej site, Summer season

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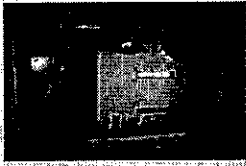
### Wet sampler

Automatic rain sampler,  
model US320, wet only  
(Ogasawara Keiki Co.,  
Ltd)



### Dry sampler

Four staged filter pack,  
model MB-01T (Tokyo  
Dylco Co., Ltd)



## FUTURE CONCERN ON MERCURY MONITORING IN MONGOLIA

- \* Mongolia has great interest to establish mercury monitoring site
- \* Cooperation procedure with APMMN
- \* Site selection:
  - + Option 1. CLEM site in Ulaanbaatar
  - + Option 2. Acid deposition monitoring site at Terelj (National protected area, 70 km from Ulaanbaatar)
- \* Mercury monitoring program
- \* Methodology for sampling and analyzing process
- \* Reach to consensus on data dissemination and sharing

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

## Calculation of mercury emissions from anthropogenic sources Mongolia

(where is best place for installation wet deposition monitoring equipment?)

Dr. TUMENBAYAR Baatar  
Sans Frontiere Progres (SFP)

|  | North Mongolian forest-steppe area | South Mongolian Gobi area  |
|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Number of days with temperature above zero on the ground surface | 170-190 days                       | 230-250 days<br><small>(surface not heated up to 60°C or more)</small> |
| Average wind speed per month                                     | 2, 2 meter per sec                 | 3, 7 - 4, 0 meter per sec  |
| Average Humidity   | 50-60%                             | 14-18%   |
| Average monthly precipitation                                    | 30-40 mm                           | 3,0-3,9 mm   |
| Yellow dust transportation                                       | Not known                          | by wind<br><small>(sometimes up to 30-40 m/sec)</small>                |

## Assessment of mercury emissions from anthropogenic sources Mongolia (annually)

| Mercury sources                                      | Annual Mercury emission (Mg)   |                 |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|
|  | Global (N.Pirrone et al, 2010) | Mongolia (2017) |
| 1. in the global atmosphere, including re-emission - | 5207                           | —               |
| 2. From Anthropogenic sources                        | 2320                           | —               |
| 3. From fossil-fuel                                  | 810                            | 0,93            |
| 4. artisanal small scale gold mining                 | 400                            | 0,01 (?)        |
| 5. non-ferrous metals manufacturing                  | 310                            | No data         |
| 6. cement production                                 | 216                            | No data         |
| 7. waste disposal 187                                | 187                            | No data         |
| 8. caustic soda production -                         | 163                            | No              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>7527</b>                    | <b>1,3</b>      |

\* No production of mercury containing products; No mercury using industries; No recycling activities for mercury containing products

## Capital city Ulaanbaatar in winter Coal burning smoke (Ilignite from Baganuur, Nalykh deposits)

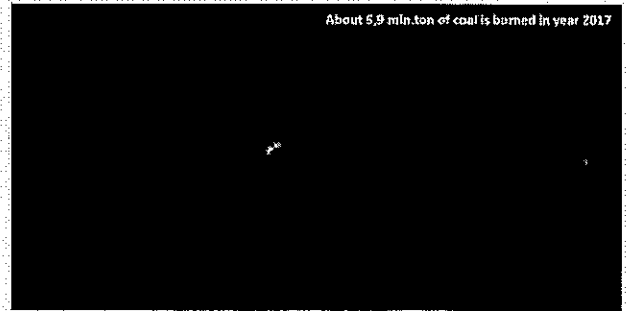


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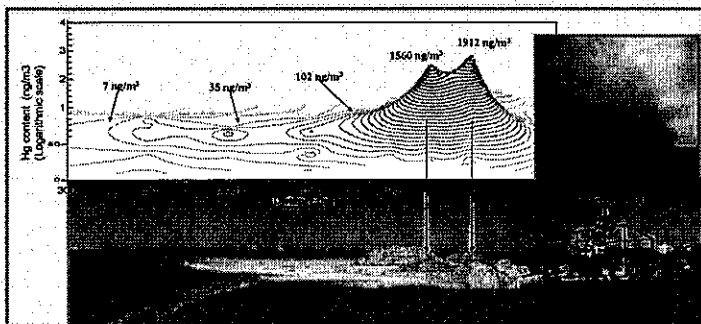
## Coal consumption in Mongolia

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Reserve  | 173 bln. tons         |
| Deposits   | 300                   |
| Production   | 49,4 mln. tons (2017) |
| Sold   | 41,9 mln. tons        |
| Exported   | 39,4 mln. tons        |
| Burned in capital Ulaanbaatar (30km <sup>2</sup> ) | 5,9 mln. tons         |
| Burned in country side (1,5 mln km <sup>2</sup> )  | 2,6 mln. tons         |

## Mercury Emission to the atmosphere of Ulaanbaatar (2017)

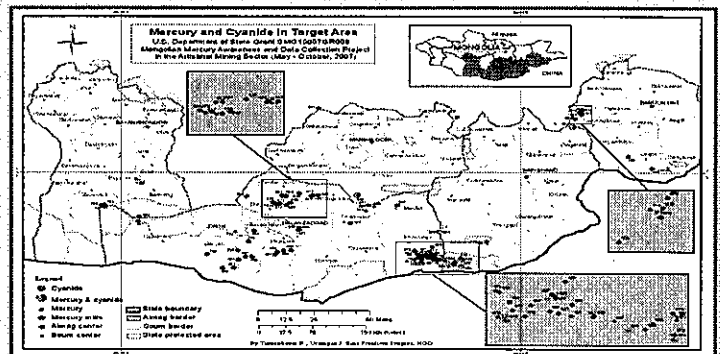
| Coal Deposits | Mercury content in coal (ppm) | Burned coal in 2017 (mln.tons) | Mercury emission in to atmosphere (kg) |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Baganuur      | 0.131 (0.23-0.032)            | 5.31                           | 695                                    |
| Nalaikh       | 0.088 (0.16-0.047)            | 0.59                           | 52                                     |
| <b>Total</b>  |                               | <b>5,9</b>                     | <b>747</b>                             |

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Transport of mercury by wind, as measured by Lumex Hg detector held 5-10 cm above the ground surface to detect mercury vapour. Khuzuiu tolrom, Noyon, South Gobi Aimag, (GPS 461.)

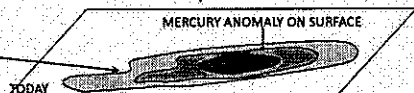
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Distribution of mercury and cyanide sites visited during the SFP survey.

## Surface mercury anomaly from paleo sources

(not considered on estimation)

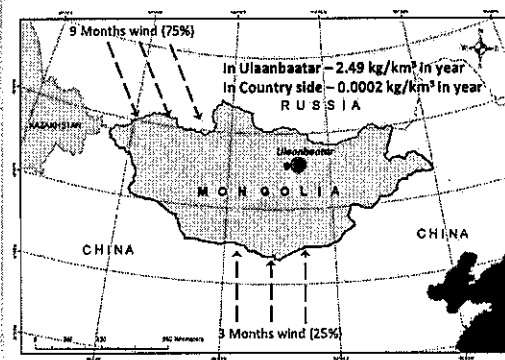


### LOCATION OF ANOMALY

- PALEO VOLCANIC ACTIVITY
- EPYTHEMAL DEPOSIT
- ALONG THE FAULTS
- POLYMETALIC DEPOSITS

SFP

## Wind direction and Mercury emission density



where is best place for installation wet deposition monitoring equipment for global and local mercury assessment?

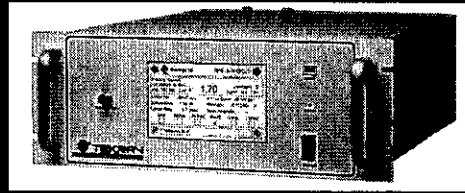
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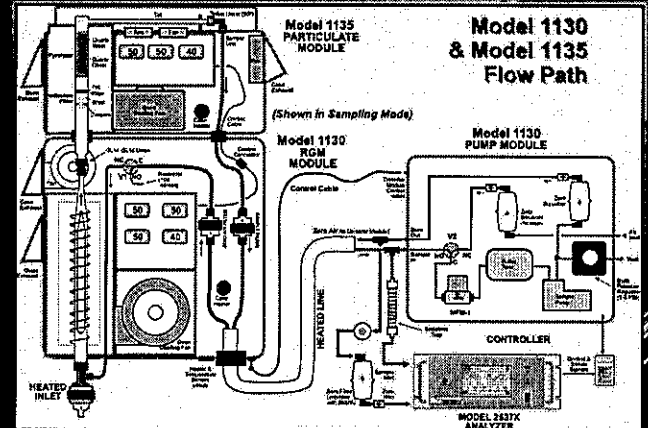
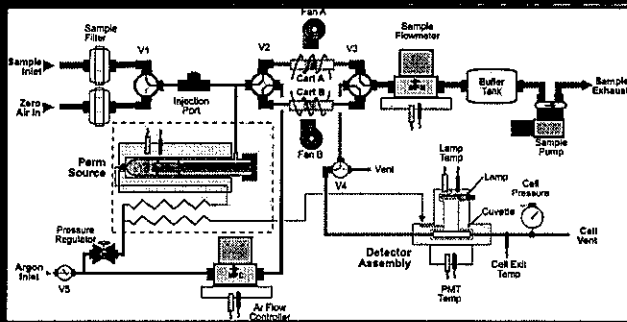


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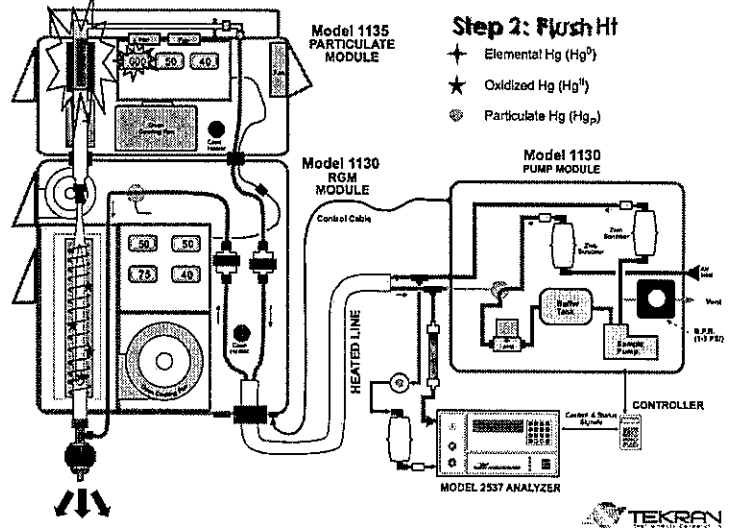
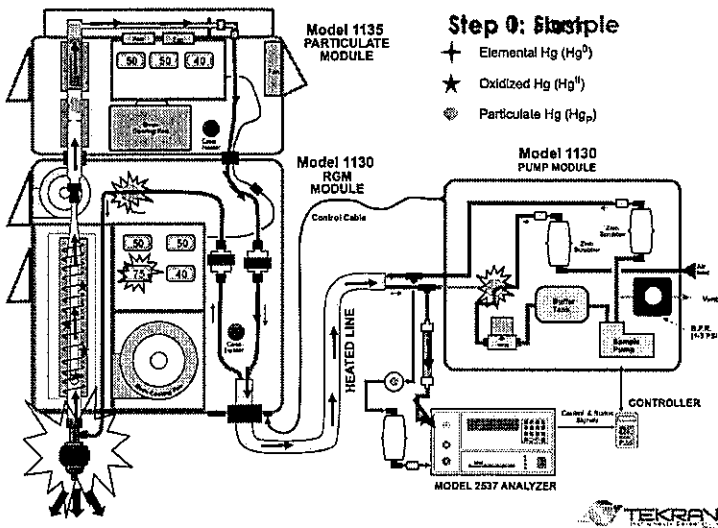
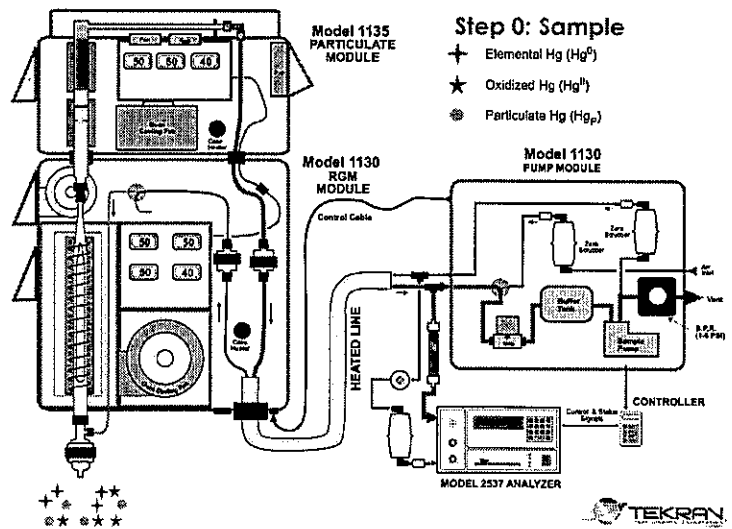
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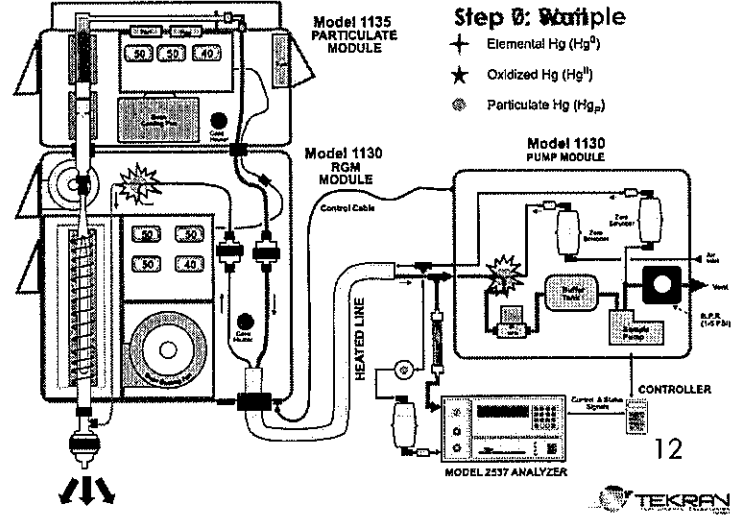
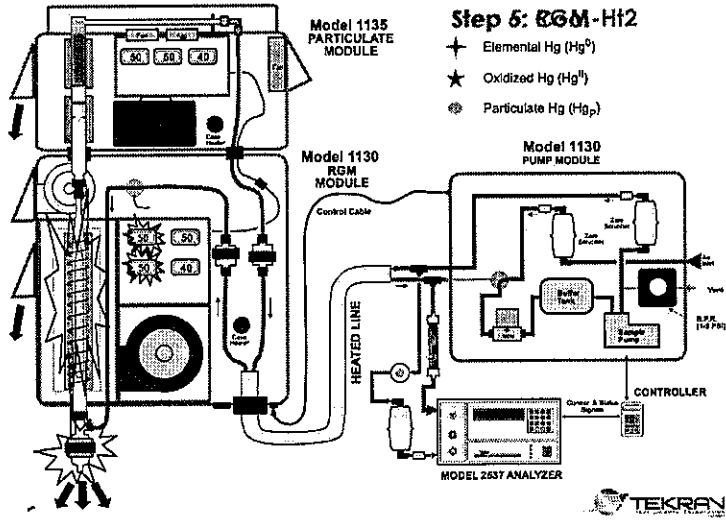
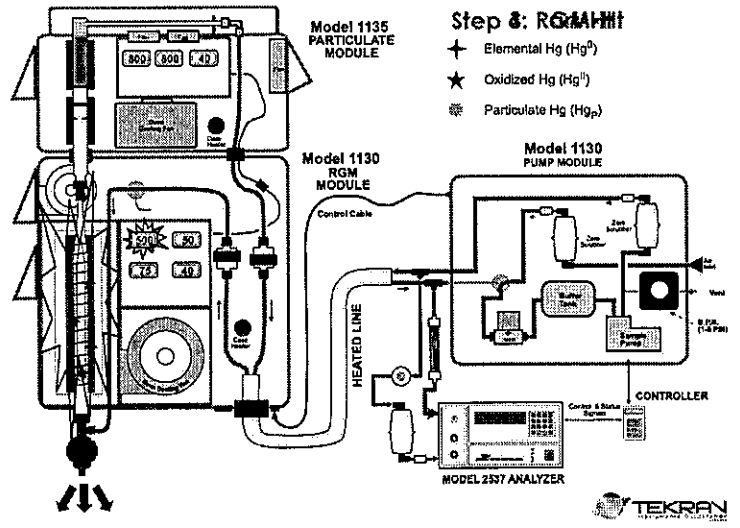
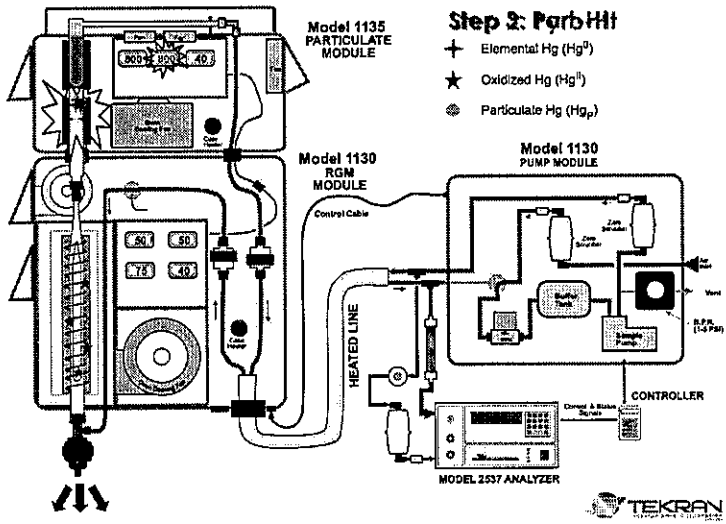
### FLOW DIAGRAM OF TEKRA MODEL 2537X AUTOMATED MERCURY ANALYZER (PAT'D)



### SAMPLING & ANALYSIS ANIMATION MODEL 1130 AND MODEL 1135







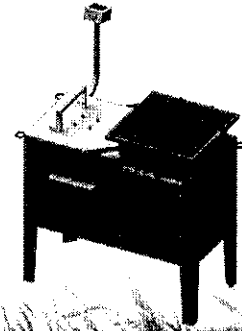
# Session IV



## APMMN Mercury Wet Deposition Roundtable Discussion

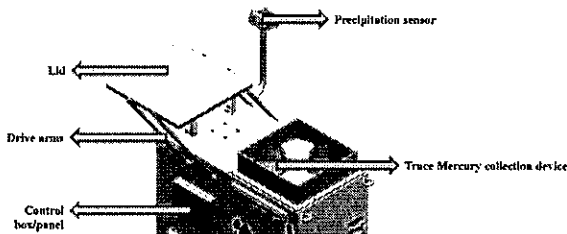
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### Mercury Deposition Sampler



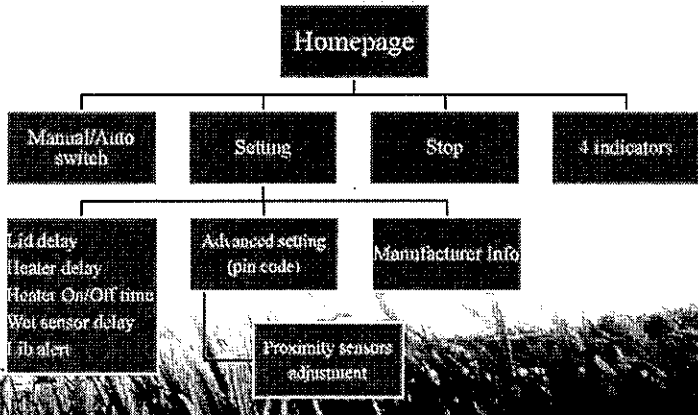
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#### External item of the equipment



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#### Control panel



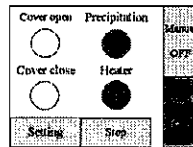
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#### Description of Operation

When precipitation sensor detects precipitation,



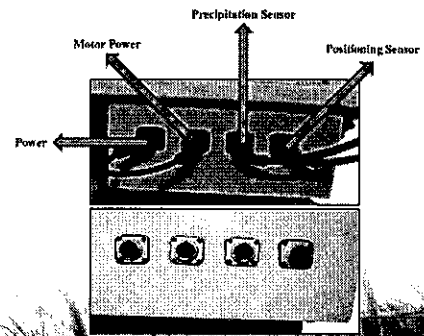
"Precipitation" light on controller monitor will be on. Then "Heater" will light on and shine followed by setting.



Press the "Setting" button ON/OFF repeatedly until the "ON/OFF" light is on. Then press the "Heater" button ON/OFF repeatedly until the "ON/OFF" light is on. Then press the "Stop" button ON/OFF repeatedly until the "ON/OFF" light is on.

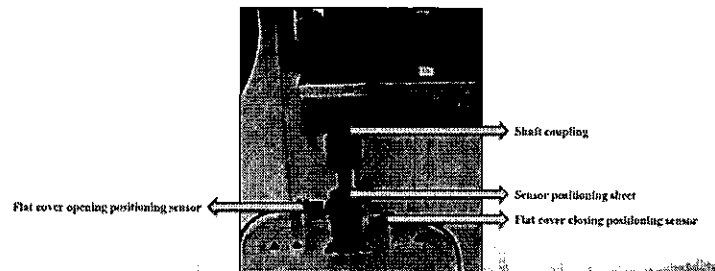
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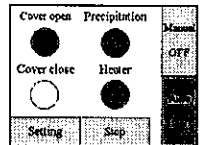
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#### Description of Operation

When "Precipitation" lights on, flat cover will open and start to collect mercury deposition

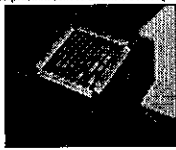


While the flat cover opening, Sensor positioning sheet will synchronously rotate with it until be detected by Flat cover opening positioning sensor with lighting on. Then flat cover will stop. "Cover open" on controller monitor will light on.

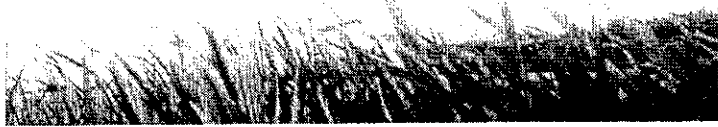
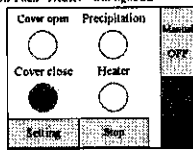


Description of Operation

When precipitation sensor doesn't detect precipitation,



"Precipitation" light on controller monitor will be off. Then "Heater" will light on.

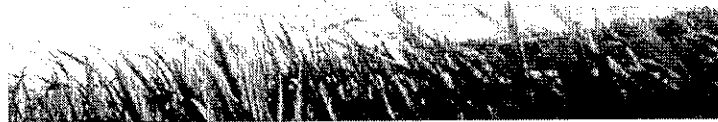
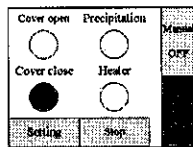


Description of Operation

When "Precipitation" lights off, flat cover will close.



While the flat cover closing, Sensor positioning sheet will synchronously rotate with it until be detected by Flat cover closing positioning sensor with lighting on. Then flat cover will stop. "Cover close" on controller monitor will light on

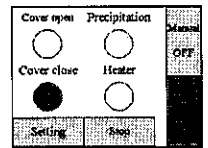


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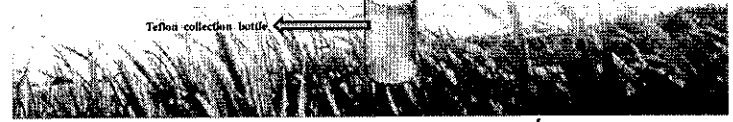
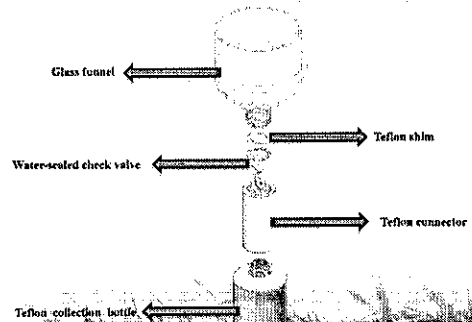
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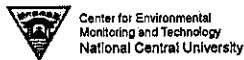


Trace mercury collection device

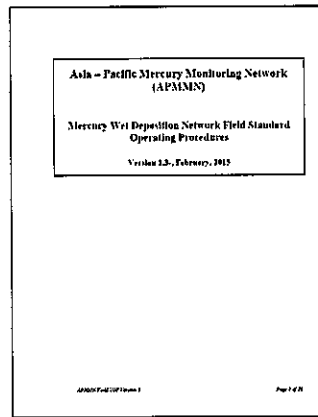


# Standard Operating Procedures for APMMN

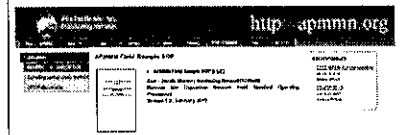
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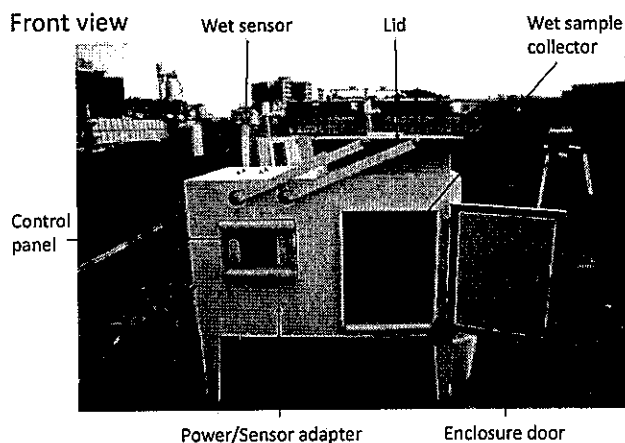
## Current SOP



- Based on MDN/NADP SOP.
- Revised Ver. 1.3 by EPAT, USEPA, NADP, NCU, Vietnam and Thailand in 2015

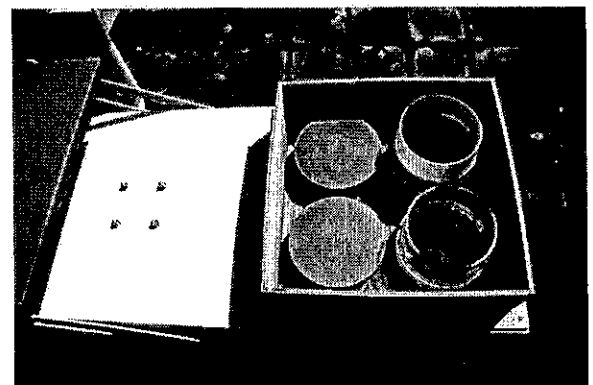


## Wet-only precipitation collector-MIC type

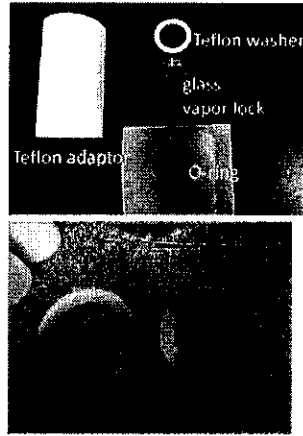
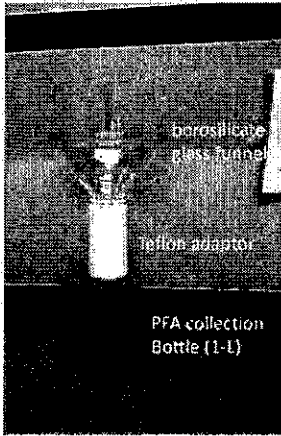


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Top view

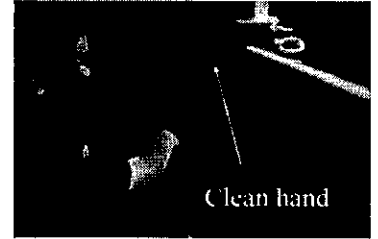


## Mercury collection device



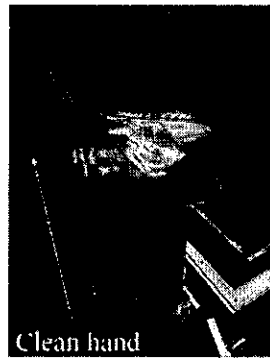
## Retrieve your sample

- Changes on Tuesday morning between 8 to 10 am LT
- Approach collector facing into the wind
- Open the enclosure door
- Put on the gloves
- Take off PFA sample bottle



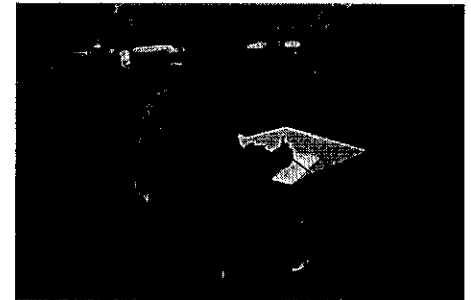
## Retrieve your sample

- Cap the bottle
- Take 2 plastic bags to cover bottle



## Retrieve your sample

- Open the lid
- Take out the used sample collector (funnel)
- Fill in the Network Observer Form



## Network Observer Form (NOF)

Observer Form  
Site Equipment From The East Station

1. Station  
2. Observer  
3. Bottle  
4. Observations  
5. Site operations  
6. Precip. record  
7. Overflow  
8. Enclosure Temp.  
9. Remarks

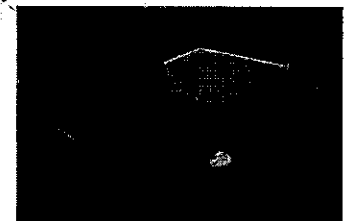
Lab/APMMN use only

(APMMN Field SOP Ver 1.3, Page14)

## Cleaning the collector

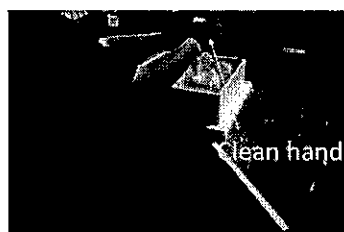
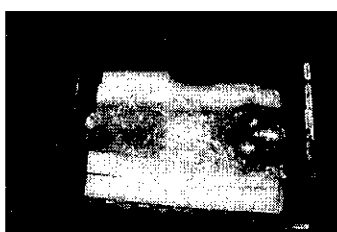
- Clean any surfaces by DI Water and paper towel
- Clean any debris off sensor by brush or compressed air

Dirty hand



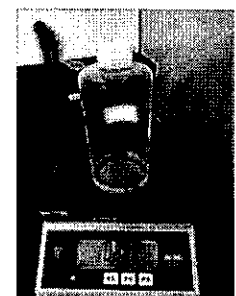
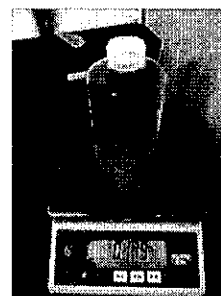
## Deployment of new sample collector

- Change your gloves !
- Deploy new sample collector
- Avoid to touch the inner surface of glass funnel
- Close the lid and enclosure door
- Write a NOF for coming sample



## Weigh, transfer and storage

- Weigh the sample bottle and subtract the weight of empty bottle (recode it on the NOF)
- Carefully pour the sample from 1L to 125mL sample bottle



## Weigh, transfer and storage

- Label the sample with sampling site ID, start/end date
- Place the sample into double sealable plastic bag
- Store the sample in a Hg-free and secure place (or refrigerator) if not shipping immediately.
- Capture rain gauge data
- Complete the NOF

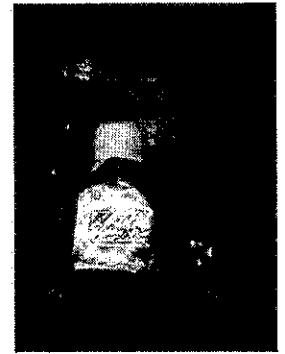


## Sample label

- The most important part of taking sample

|                         |
|-------------------------|
| Site ID                 |
| Start Date (MM/dd/yyyy) |
| End Date                |

|            |
|------------|
| APTW01     |
| 08/28/2018 |
| 09/04/2018 |



## Shipping Info.

Ship samples at least monthly by int'l logistics service  
Ex:



- Pack samples and NOFs singly or in bulk
- Cold shipping is unnecessary
- Description of goods : Rainwater

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| Dr. Guey-Rong Sheu   |
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| 300 Zhong-Da Road Zhong-Li 320, Taiwan                         |

## Acid Clean of Collection Devices

### Material/Equipment

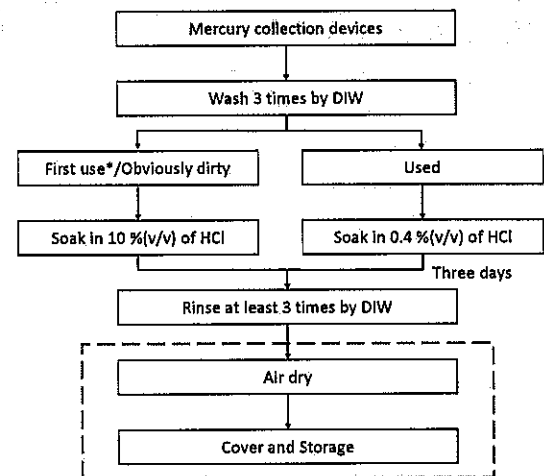
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Deionized water –  $\rho \geq 18.2 \text{ M}\Omega$
- Hydrochloric acid – J.T Baker Hydrochloric Acid, 36.5-38.0%, BAKER INSTRA-ANALYZED® Reagent or equivalent
- PE box/tank

## Certificate of Analysis

**AVANTOR**  
 Certificate of Analysis  
 Hydrochloric Acid, 36.5-38.0%  
 BAKER INSTRA-ANALYZED® Reagent  
 For Trace Metal Analysis

| Item                                       | Unit | Value | Specification |
|--|------|-------|---------------|
| ACS - Assay (as HCl) (by acid-base titrim) | %    | 37.7  | 36.5 - 38.0 % |
| Trace Impurities - Mercury (Hg)            | ppb  | 0.3   | <= 0.5 ppb    |

ISO 9001:2015



\* : independent tank, fresh solution

Under the clean room/clean bench

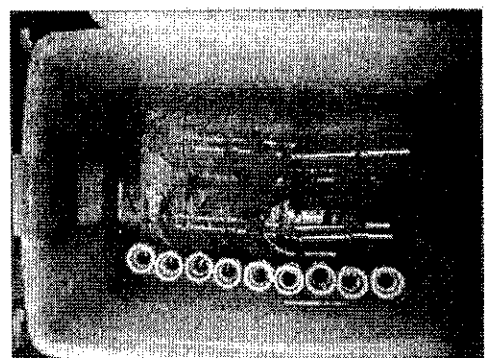
## Acid Clean of Collection Devices

- Separate the collection device and wash by DIW



## Acid Clean of Collection Devices

- Soak within hydrochloric acid for 72 hours (except O-ring)



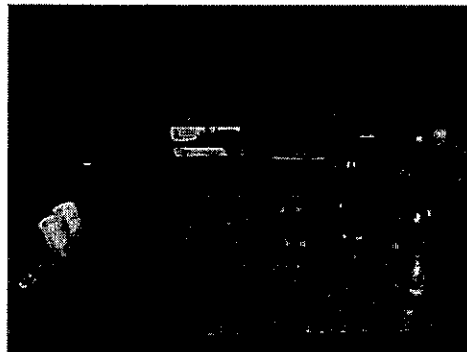
## Acid Clean of Collection Devices

- Rinse thoroughly each component with deionized water ( $\rho \geq 18.2 \text{ M}\Omega$ ) at least 3 times



## Acid Clean of Collection Devices

- Air dry each component in the clean bench



## Acid Clean of Collection Devices

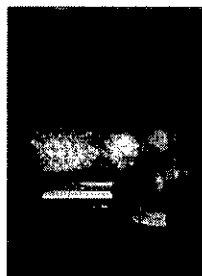
- Cover each component with clean plastic bag and store
- Assemble each component before use



## Cases in the past years

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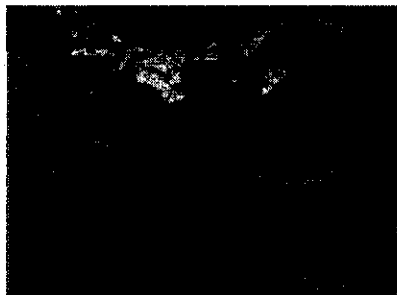
- No sealable plastic bag (double bags)
- No label on sample bottle



## Cases in the past years

### Case 2:

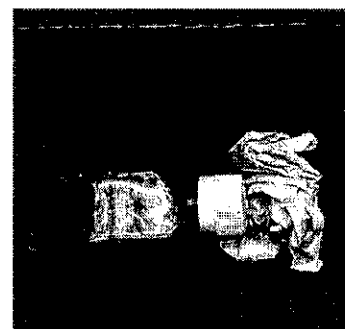
- Single sealable plastic bag only
- Number of Sample bottle and NOF were unequal
- Not use the suggest PETG bottle



## Cases in the past years

### Case 3:

- No label on the bottle
- No NOF



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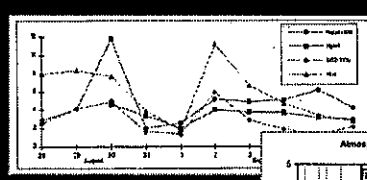
# MerPAS

MerPAS is a passive air sampler for mercury.



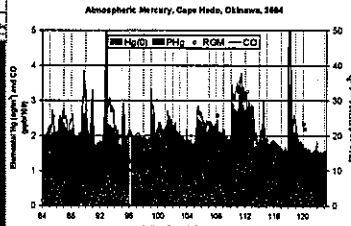
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## New methods have increase our understanding of atmospheric mercury species behavior



**1993**  
24 hour manual method for TGM and Hg<sub>p</sub>

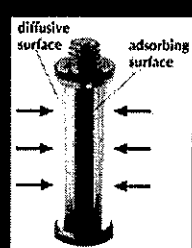
**2004**  
5-min automated for Hg<sup>0</sup>, hours for RGM & Hg<sub>p</sub>



Atmospheric Mercury, Cape Hedo, Okinawa, 2004

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## Basics of MerPAS



- Design resulted in precise, stable, robust sampling rate (SR)
- Jar provides protection, eliminates wind effects and used as a container for transport
- SR determined using the Tekran 2537 Hg Monitor

**Concentration derivation equation:**

$$C = m / (SR * t)$$

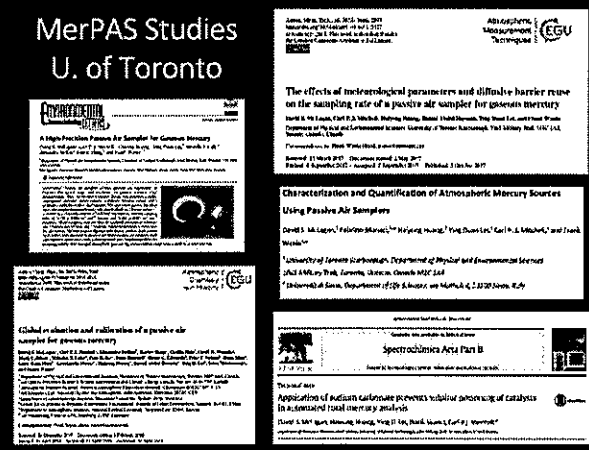
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## MerPAS Development Summary

- Developed at U. of Toronto by McLagan, Wania and Mitchell
- Global study showed MerPAS is highly sensitive, accurate and precise for ambient air levels (1-5 ng/m<sup>3</sup>). Only passive sampler capable of accurate and precise ambient air measurements.
- Study completed (in press) to quantify annual emissions at a former mercury mine (max 6.7 ug/m<sup>3</sup>)
- Further studies underway for performance in indoor air and extreme concentrations (up to mg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- Tekran is commercializing sampler through licensing agreement with U. Toronto and scientists

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## MerPAS Studies U. of Toronto

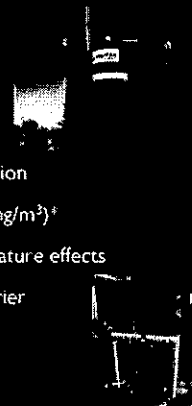


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## MerPAS Features

- No power required
- Simple to deploy & retrieve
- Low entry cost – low temporal resolution
- Range likely unlimited (1 ng/m<sup>3</sup> to 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>)<sup>\*</sup>
- Relatively immune to wind and temperature effects
- Uses well known Radiello diffusive barrier
- Highly tested and characterized


<sup>\*</sup> See specifics in subsequent slide



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## Select Applications

- Remote sites – no power
- Artisanal gold mining
- Identifying and mapping hot spots
- Community exposure monitoring
- Contaminated site cleanup monitoring
- Indoor spill cleanup and monitoring
- Personal exposure industry, schools, workplace & homes
- Area source emission estimates (high spatial resolution and vertical gradients)



Vertical profile industry site

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## MerPAS Sample Rate Calibration (m<sup>3</sup>/day)

using the Tekran 2537 at 20 sites

- Global ambient air study – sensitive, precise, accurate
- From McLagan et al., (<https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-18-5905-2018>)

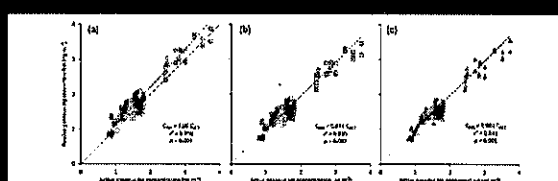


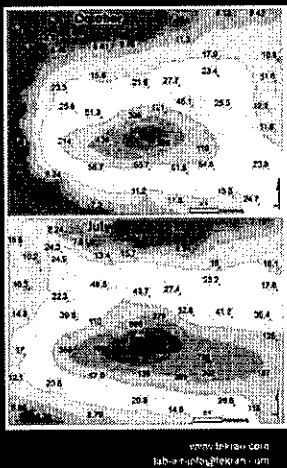
Figure 4. Comparison of active (C<sub>act</sub>, y-axis) and passive (C<sub>pas</sub>, y-axis) gaseous Hg concentrations derived from the original sampling rate (SR; circles in a), recalibrated SR (squares in b), and adjusted SR (triangles in c). Dotted lines represent the trend line for each dataset. Grey dotted line is the 1:1 relationship. Markers are colored according to site type: red – urban sites; blue – rural sites; purple – high altitude sites; and yellow – northern/Arctic sites. Filled relationship are for all data combined.

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## Former Hg Mine Site Mapping

McLagan et al., 2018 (submitted)

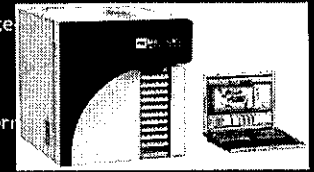
- Values in  $\text{ng}/\text{m}^3$
- Area of  $\sim 0.6 \text{ km}^2$
- Survey around mine site buildings
- 1-week sample deployment
- Seasonal differences



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## MerPAS Analysis

- Analysis must be done in a trace clean analytical lab by skilled mercury chemists
- Direct thermal analysis is preferred, no acid digestion (EPA Method 7473)
- Multiple instrument vendors  $\sim \$40\text{-}50\text{K USD}$
- EPA Method 1631, acid digestion may be required for very high Hg loading (e.g. artisanal gold mining)



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## Tekran MerPAS Analysis

- Tekran is offering MerPAS Analysis Service using the direct thermal analysis method (EPA method 7473)
- Our analysis team has over 90 years of experience all focused on mercury measurement
- Tekran will offer to be an independent reference laboratory for national and international networks

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## MerPAS Analysis Challenges - I

- The sulfur rich carbon sorbent is a tough matrix that can cause low bias, catalyst failure and gold trap degradation
- Matrix issues are mitigated with addition of sodium bicarbonate and limiting amount of sorbent for each analytical run
- Typical ambient air sample split into 2 or more runs of sorbent
- Many quality assurance samples must be run to maintain high quality results

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## MerPAS Analysis Challenges - II

- Direct thermal analysis is destructive
  - Must transfer 100% of sorbent to analysis boat for accurate results
  - Easy to spill sorbent during preparation, weighing and transfer – loss of results can cause large data gaps
  - Easy for analytical run to go bad >> data gaps
- Blank control
  - Field blanks, trips blanks and material blanks are necessary to evaluate accuracy and performance of the site operator, shipping/storage and analyst.

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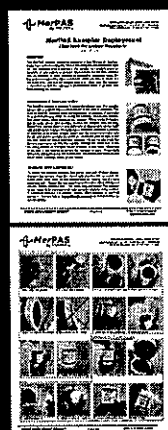
## Sample Range and Conditions

- Carbon media capable of adsorbing Hg up to 10% by weight
- Proven for ambient air ( $\sim 1\text{-}20 \text{ ng}/\text{m}^3$ ). Integrated sample time of 1-week minimum up to 1 year maximum.
- Proven for former mercury mine site and surrounding area. Integrated sample time of 1-week for low  $\text{ug}/\text{m}^3$  levels
- For sites with mean air Hg  $> 100 \text{ ug}/\text{m}^3$ 
  - Short sample times may be necessary (hours)
  - For longer sample times, analysis will require more analytical runs or may be done using EPA Method 1631C.
  - Depending on project goals, obtaining a representative result may necessitate using multiple MerPAS samplers for each measurement location

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## MerPAS Sampling Procedure

- Can include clean hands sampling kit
- Multiple mounting options
- Handwritten sample info or bar code may be used
- Sample location, blanks and replicates should be considered



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## Tekran MerPAS Updates

- Weatherproof plastic label
- Bar Code ID
- More versatile bracket
- Threaded plastic panel mount Radiello and bracket attachment
- Developing electronic tracking to verify sample locations, times & chain of custody



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