

Pollution Control and Prevention-Phase II Determining Chemical Waste Streams in Afghanistan- Pilot Survey Study 2006

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Agency of Afghanistan, Ministry of
Mines and Industries and local
SMEs

This pilot survey study is a part of the UNEP Capacity Building and Institutional Development Programme for Environmental Management in Afghanistan that was initiated by UNEP and European Commission in Kabul on the 28th October 2003. This survey work belongs to part of EIA component of capacity building programme. The focus of the survey was to determine potential pollution types, sources and streams in Afghanistan. The aims of the survey have been defined as:

- Determine the extent and types of chemicals likely to occur in Afghanistan
- Assess the major categories of small and medium scale industry giving rise to waste and possibly pollution in Kabul
- To determine the level of pollution control facilities in SMEs

The following tasks were needed to complete in order to comply with requirements of the Terms of Reference (TOR):

1. Inception report
2. Staff training
3. Stakeholder Identification and Consultation
4. Stakeholder Workshop
5. Chemical survey
6. Point Source Polluters Survey



The major outcome on the project was to develop a consistent approach to pollution management through permitting procedures. Therefore it was necessary to collect relevant data on types of hazardous chemicals imported to Afghanistan and to develop a profile of the types of processes and chemicals used by SMEs. Chemical and point source polluter survey, stakeholders workshop and 4 training modules in environmental auditing, chemical management and environmental permitting were main services that were completed as a result of Technical Assistance. The main counterparts of the project were National Environmental Protection Agency, Ministry of Mines and Industries, local industries and UNEP office in Kabul.