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### Safe storage and disposal of redundant mercury

An expert workshop to be held at St Anne's College, Oxford (UK)

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The safe management of mercury no longer needed for products and processes is increasingly demanding the attention of policy makers, industry and independent experts. The majority of this redundant mercury arises from the decommissioning of mercury cells in chloralkali plant. Some results, however, from reclamation from consumer products such as thermometers. The policy impetus comes from the adoption by the European Parliament and Council in October 2008 of the *Regulation on the banning of exports and the safe storage of metallic mercury* (Regulation (EC) No. 1102/2008), and from the decision of the UN Environment Programme's Governing Council's 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to form a legally-binding agreement on mercury.

A workshop will therefore be held in Oxford, UK on 13 and 14 October 2009 to consider the scientific and engineering issues associated with ensuring the safe storage and disposal of redundant mercury. A specific aim of the workshop will be to inform the development of the UK's position in impending discussions at a European and UN level.

Around 30 people will attend the workshop, comprising independent experts, policy makers and industry representatives. Commencing at lunchtime on 13<sup>th</sup> October and finishing in the early afternoon of the following day, a mix of presentations and breakout discussions will enable the identification of where there is consensus on the scientific and engineering issues, and where further work is required to resolve uncertainties and areas of disagreement.

The workshop is being held as a part of the IKIMP (Integrating Knowledge to Inform Mercury Policy) Initiative, based in the Earth Sciences Department of the University of Oxford, and supported by the Natural Environment Research Council. The workshop is sponsored by the UK Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. For more information about IKIMP, visit [www.mercurynetwork.org.uk](http://www.mercurynetwork.org.uk)

For further information about the workshop or to request a place, please contact Dr. Bruce Howard using the contact details above.

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