

Minutes #49

ACAP Expert Group on Dioxins and Furans

12th of January 2016 (Telephone)

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened and attended by

- Mr Alexander Ustinov (Temporary expert from Polar Fund), RU
- Mr Henrik Forsström, NEFCO
- Ms Inger-Karin Riise Hansen, NO
- Mr Niklas Johansson, SE
- Mr Åke Mikaelsson, SE + EG Chair

2. Adoption of the agenda

The proposed meeting agenda was reviewed and adopted.

3. Review and adoption of the Minutes from previous EG Meetings:

Due to the fact that Mr Kuznetsov, again, was prohibited to participate, the adoption of the Minutes #40 - #45 were postponed.

The Minutes from the EG Dioxins meeting #48 on the 14th of December 2015 were adopted.

4. Follow-up of tasks distributed at PSG Meeting #48

It was concluded that the tasks had been completed to the extent presented below:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Comment</u>
i) In cooperation with COWI prepare a section 4.2 with the results from Umeå analyses incl. a discussion on the comparison between Umeå-Typhoon and submit it to PF/Typhoon	Done!
ii) Within two weeks after reception, in cooperation with COWI and based on the Final Report v9, summarise possible further recommendations on increased readability and general quality of the Draft Final Report on the Sampling & Analysis assignment	Done!
iii) Safeguard that PF considers the recommendations and includes them into the Final Report to an extent deemed possible	Done!
iv) When received, discuss COWI's proposed action plan with Komi authorities	To be executed after reception of COWI's final action plan
v) Discuss the draft project proposal for an Action Project under the auspices of the P2345 project (for which the EG Dioxins got an Expression of Interest (Eol) approved by the PSI Committee in February 2015) with Mr Ivlev at the MNRE RF and then present to the EG.	Not Done
vi) Finalise the Minutes #38 and #39	Not Done
vii) Review and adopt/comment on all non-adopted Minutes, in particular #40, #41, #42, #43, #44 and #45	Not Done
viii) Consider and prepare other materials, in particular reports, brochures etc. to be published on the ACAP Web-site.	Done!
ix) Survey a good "Drop-box" solution (or similar) for the EG to post joint WORKING documents at.	Not Done

5. Completion of the Final Report from the Sampling and Analysis Assignment

- a) It was concluded that the extent of completion of the draft final report now had enhanced significantly and that it could be deemed likely that the final report could be completed within soon. It was also concluded that most of the comments seem to be dealt with in a relevant manner. Mr Ustinov said that he could see no more problems and deemed the final draft to be completed by the end of this week.

During the discussion, the relation to the Russian National Implementation Plan (NIP) to the Stockholm Convention on POPs was addressed, since it is addressed in the ToR. It was stated that a reasonable comment on how this work may feed in to the work with the Russian NIP should be commented on, and preferably also to include a link to the Russian NIP document itself.

- b) It was agreed that i) the Polar Fund submits the Final Report to the Expert Group by the 14th of January 2016 and ii) that the Expert Group after reception reviews the report intersessionally and, given reasonable satisfaction, recommend NEFCO to approve it and submit it to COWI as input to the final draft of the Final report to the Feasibility study assignment. It was also agreed that the iii) Mr Ustinov finds out and, if possible, directly includes into the report a satisfactory reference and comment to the Russian NIP to the Stockholm Convention on POPs.

6. Completion of the Final Report from the Feasibility Study Assignment incl. Action Plan for Vorkutinskiy Cement Plant

- a) It was concluded that the draft final report submitted by COWI, to large extent could be regarded completed, but requires a final revision based on the final report from the Polar Fund. Since only minor changes are expected, it was agreed that the Expert Group (starting with Mr Johansson and completed by Ms Riise Hansen) starts reviewing the Final Report already during this week, i.e. based on the existing version, and then completes it as the final version has been submitted.
- b) The situation with the Action Plan was assessed similarly as with the report and it was agreed that Mr Mikaelsson together with Mr Forsström starts commenting on the existing report a.s.a.p. and continues with the final version when it is submitted.
- c) Regarding the implementation opportunities, it was concluded that the financial situation at the VCP has become more problematic and should be taken under observation. The possibility to arrange with leasing agreement for the monitoring equipment should be considered. Mr Mikaelsson also reported that the funds earlier allocated by Sweden for an action project at VCP, could not be prolonged after 2015 and now has to be transferred back to the Swedish Government.
- d) It was agreed that Mr Forsström provides COWI with the final version of the Polar Fund Report as soon as the EG so recommends and that the EG prepares comments to the COWI report in accordance with b) and c) above.
- e) No contact is to be taken with Komi authorities or Mr Lomako until the final versions of both reports have been studied and discussed.

7. Start-up of the new EG on POPs and Mercury

- a) It was concluded that from the "old EG", only the Chair and Mr Johansson seem available for taking part in the proposed EG POPs meeting in Washington D.C., however neither Mr Butovskiy nor Mr Kuznetsov have yet responded.

- b) As preparation to the ACAP Washington, it was suggested to up-date the Poster, based on the recent efforts and achievements. It was agreed that Mr Johansson starts drafting an up-dated Poster and invites Ms Riise Hansen and Mr Ustinov to comment on it.

8. Administrative matters for the “transition” of the EG on Dioxins and Furans into the EG on POPs and Mercury

- a) It was concluded that there are a lot of remaining issues to close from the “old EG”, incl:
- Adoption of the remaining Minutes #38-#45
 - Up-loading of Working Programme and Status Reports
 - Up-loading of Assignment Reports on VCP (Polar Fund, COWI and Seminar!)

As an opportunity to manage all these issues, it was suggested to have a final, physical EG Dioxins meeting in Oslo on the 19th of January. The exact scheduling of the meeting requires some coordination.

9. Task Distribution

The following tasks were distributed had been completed to the extent presented below:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Responsible</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
i) Complete the Final Report of the Sampling & Analysis assignment	Alexander	14 th of January 2016
ii) find out and, if possible, include directly into the report a satisfactory reference and comment to the Russian NIP to the Stockholm Convention on POPs	Alexander	14 th of January 2016
iii) Review the report intersessionally and, given reasonable satisfaction, recommend NEFCO to approve it and	All (Niklas and Inger Karin start)	19 th of January 2016
iv) Start drafting an up-dated Poster and invite Ms Riise Hansen and Mr Ustinov to comment on it	Niklas	19 th of January 2016
v) Submit PF Final Report to COWI and ask for completion the Final report to the Feasibility study assignment	Henrik	19 th of January 2016
vi) Complete the Final Report on the Feasibility Study & Action Plan Assignment	COWI	26 th of January 2016
vii) Review and comment on COWI Final Report	Niklas & Inger Karin	1 st of February 2016
viii) Review and comment on COWI Action Plan for VCP	Åke & Henrik	1 st of February 2016
ix) When received, discuss COWIs proposed action plan with Komi authorities	Henrik and Åke	1 st of February 2016
x) Discuss the draft project proposal for an Action Project under the auspices of the P2345 project (as in PSI Committees EoI approval in February 2015) with Mr Ivlev at the MNRE RF and then present to the EG.	Ruslan	1 st of February 2016
xi) Finalise the Minutes #38 and #39	Åke	1 st of February 2016
xii) Review and adopt/comment on all non-adopted Minutes, in particular #40, #41, #42, #43, #44 and #45	Dmitriy	1 st of February 2016
xiii) Survey a good “Drop-box” solution (or similar) for the EG to post joint WORKING documents at.	Henrik	1 st of February 2016

10. Time for next meeting

The next EG Dioxins meeting was scheduled to 19th of January 2016 in Oslo (time to be determined) and for 1st of February at 06.30 MT/08.30 CET/14.30 EST in Washington D.C. (EG POPs).

11. Closure of the meeting

The Chair expressed his gratitude to all participants and declared the meeting closed.