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## Twenty Fifth SPREP Meeting of Officials

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### Agenda Item 10.3: Waste Management and Pollution Control Division Overview 2015

#### Purpose

1. To provide an overview of major work programme activities in 2015 to improve management of solid and hazardous waste and marine pollution for the Region.

#### Key Areas of Work for 2015

#### 2. Hazardous waste management support

- Purchase and commission high temperature incinerators for improved healthcare waste management across 15 countries
- Implement associated training in infection control and healthcare waste management
- Implement regional (mobile phone) and country specific E-waste management programmes
- Commence regional ULABs recycling programme (assisted by Basel funding)
- Implement regional Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) management training
- Develop a regional recyclers network (with a focus on E-waste and ULABs)
- Implement regional asbestos management programme based on regional audit results (focussing on stabilization and export in priority countries)
- Commence used pesticide container management programme (Tonga, Samoa and Fiji)
- Implement training and cooperation associated with the Waigani/Basel Conventions, including cooperation with the Asia base Centre (Beijing), including Masters student placement)
- Implement regional used oil recycling programme including dioxin production investigation
- Implement regional chemical management training (6 countries)

#### 3. (Marine) Pollution management support

- Implement a focused intervention based research programme on the management of marine plastic and its consequences
- Provide support for management of marine invasive species
- Provide support for country development of NATPLANs and marine pollution response strategies and planning
- Support development of port reception facilities (including asbestos shipment requirements)

- Implement Marine pollution risk assessment (Fiji)
- Seek support for continuation of the marine pollution secondment (after completion of the AMSA secondment in 2015)
- Assess port reception facilities (including asbestos shipment requirements)
- Update PACPLAN
- Assess underground fuel storage

**4. Solid Waste Management support**

- Prepare regional waste to energy position/strategy
- Prepare a regional scrap metal policy/strategy
- Implement integrated solid waste management pilot project in Niue (composting and recycling)
- Implement integrated atoll waste management pilot (RMI)
- Improve waste management donor coordination through participation in the PRIF
- Recruit a Recycling Adviser in conjunction with JICA
- Review and redraft the Regional Solid Waste Management Strategy (Zero Waste)
- Continue solid waste management training for Pacific waste management workers
- Implement waste management training in the French Territories
- Collate and disseminate regional waste management activities
- Implement demonstration waste management projects across 14 countries

**5. Challenges**

- Regional and national waste management and pollution control improvements are critically dependent on prioritization of national in-kind support to the Secretariat to successfully complete project implementation
- Additional capacity in the areas of recycling and water quality monitoring and reporting are critically needed within the Division to ensure delivery of the SPREP Strategic Plan

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