

Argentine Comments on POPs ESM Guidance Documents and issues.

4.7- Environmentally Sound disposal.

We think information to be provided for each technology must be uniform. There is disparity in quantity and quality of information gathered about the proposed technologies (e.g. information about metal reduction for decontamination is very poor).

We agree with a similar format to that proposed for Eco-Logic (June 2nd, 2004 Fact Sheets), enclosing environmental risks, and health and safety hazards, and contingency plans, to be used to describe technologies. We also suggest not to mention vendors but patents.

Sodium reduction should be replaced by “alkaline reduction such as sodium reduction” (Argentina uses besides sodium technology other metal base reduction technologies for decontamination e.g. potassium reduction).

4.7.2.4 Hazardous waste incineration

Information should be provided considering incineration in general, not only large scale incinerators (including rotary and static kilns).

4.7.4.1 Immobilization by fixation or solidification

This could be a very dangerous disposal if proper immobilization by fixation or solidification is not guaranteed. Treatability tests, immobilization techniques and monitoring of resistance to weathering and freeze-thaw techniques, limits for the application, should be enclosed as a references in Annexes.

4.7.4.2 Permanent storage in salt mines

We are waiting the appropriate text from Germany, and we consider it should be useful countries with experience in this kind of disposal could provide information regarding permanent storage in other type of mines.