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## Subject: Update of UNEP Chemicals publication “Worldwide PCB Disposal Capacities”

Dear industry colleague,

I am writing to invite you to contribute to an updated edition of the UNEP Chemicals publication “Inventory of Worldwide PCB Destruction Capacity”. This will replace the original 1998 edition of that publication.

Under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, which will enter into force on 17 May 2004, Parties will have the obligation to eliminate use of PCBs in equipment by 2025 and achieve sound management of PCB wastes no later than 2028. This will present a considerable logistical challenge for many countries and the need for information on PCB disposal capacities. The update of the above-mentioned UNEP Chemicals' publications is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of existing facilities and those soon to be commercially available, thus facilitating selection of appropriate PCB waste disposal technologies for a broad range of different PCB wastes.

Please find attached to this letter a questionnaire UNEP Chemicals has prepared for this update, which covers both incineration and non-incineration technologies as well as technologies currently being developed. The questionnaire also seeks information on reuse and recycling of decontaminated equipment and material as well as detailed information e.g. on scaling, cost issues, mobile facilities and state of development. Please also find attached a diagrammatic overview and instructions on how to fill in the questionnaire. The questionnaire is also electronically available at the following web page:

[http://www.chem.unep.ch/pops/pcb\\_activities/questionnaire/default.htm](http://www.chem.unep.ch/pops/pcb_activities/questionnaire/default.htm)

I would like to encourage you to contribute to the update of UNEP Chemicals publication on “Worldwide PCB Disposal Capacities” by filling in this questionnaire and sending it back to UNEP Chemicals as soon as possible and by 15 June 2004 at the latest. Thank you very much in advance for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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