

Minutes #48

ACAP Expert Group on Dioxins and Furans

15th of December 2015 (Telephone)

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened and attended by

- Mr Ruslan Butovskiy, 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 meetings #46T from the 5th of November, #46 from the 6th of November and #47 from the 1st of December 2015 were adopted.

4. Follow-up of tasks distributed at PSG Meeting #47

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	Not done due to lack of input from Polar Fund
ii) Within two weeks after reception, in cooperation with COWI and based on the Final Report v8, summarise possible further recommendations on increased readability and general quality of the Draft Final Report on the Sampling & Analysis assignment	Not done due to lack of v8 from Polar Fund
iii) Safeguard that PF considers the recommendations and includes them into the Final Report to an extent deemed possible	Not done
iv) When received, discuss COWIs proposed action plan with Komi authorities	Not done due to lack of input from Polar Fund
v) Contact the Chair of EG Mercury, Ms Marianne Bailey, and discuss possible options for meeting arrangements and also to prepare an Agenda for a first meeting	Done!
vi) Submit a "kick-off-mail" to all the members of the new, merged Expert Group as soon as the ACAP Secretariat has submitted the corresponding message and thus shared the e-mail addresses	Done!
vii) Present 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 (Eoi) approved by the PSI Committee in February 2015	Has first to be discussed with Ivlev
viii) Finalise the Minutes #38 and #39	Not Done

ix) Review and adopt/comment on all non-adopted Minutes, in particular #40, #41, #42, #43, #44 and #45	Not Done
x) Review and adopt/comment on Minutes #46 and #46T	Done!
xi) Consider and prepare other materials, in particular reports, brochures etc. to be published on the ACAP Web-site.	Not Done
xii) Make a thorough comparison between the report and the Terms of References to safeguard that key intentions with the assignment were considered by the consultant.	Done! More when v8 comes
xiii) Survey the possibility to prolong the use of the grant decision from the Swedish Government from 2013,	Done! (Request submitted)
xiv) Participate in telephone meeting between COWI and VCP on 1 st of December and report on Mr Lomako's situation and preferences	Done!
xv) Clarify the state of the art of the drafting process and <u>require COWI to submit</u> some kind of deliverable at the soonest, also if it is obvious that it will be a draft version	Done! (HGF to submit COWI Draft Rpt to ALL!

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

- a) Since no up-dated report had been submitted to the EG prior to the meeting, no assessment could take place.
- b) Further - hopefully final - comments will be given as soon as the up-dated report is received.

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

- a) Since the Final Report was distributed to the EG members just shortly before the meeting, the EG didn't have time to discuss it.
- b-e) In follow of the lately distributed Final Report, the extent of completion of the Action Plan has to be discussed later. The same goes with agenda items 6c (implementation of the proposed Action Plan for VCP), item 6d (further interaction with COWI) and item 6e (communication with Mr Lomako and the environmental authorities in the Komi Republic).

In connection with agenda item 6e, Mr Forsström explained that the economic situation at the VCP again is critical and that COWI had had problems in getting into contact with Mr Lomako. It was noted that this issue has to be further observed ("Too early to hesitate, but time to doubt!"). In any case, COWI continues its efforts to reach VCP.

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

- a) Mr Butovskiy reported that he is drafting an application for an action project combining Dioxin issues with the Barents Hotspots and the current introduction of BAT in the Russian Federation. He still considers with which hotspots to work with, but most likely some of the hotspots in the branches subject to new Russian "BREF-documents": Pulp and Paper and the Timber Industry, in which there are several relevant hot spots incl. the earlier discussed hot spot A9 (old timber mill storage sites in Arkhangelsk oblast). The concept paper (currently 5 pages) first should be discussed with the MNRE RF (Mr Ivlev) and then will be submitted to the EG.
- b) Mr Mikaelsson reported that he had been in contact with Ms Marianne Bailey and had a good and informative telephone talk with her, revealing brief status up-dates on the Work Areas and project applications prepared by the EG Mercury. Mr Mikaelsson also

reported that he had got good initial response from “the Mercury side” to the first e-mail submitted to the EG POPs and Mercury a few days earlier and that he is about to propose to the new EG that a physical meeting is conducted in Washington D.C. back to back with the ACAP meeting.

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

- a) It was stressed that in connection with the transition into the new EG, it is important to finalise the current issues in the “old EG”, in particular the Adoption of the remaining Minutes. A large part here goes with Mr Kuznetsov who still has not approved the Minutes #40-#45.
- b) In connection with the posting of Minutes and other documents to the ACAP Web-site, the need for a joint “Drop-box” solution (or similar) was raised. It was agreed that Mr Forsström will survey the possibilities for similar solutions, available for our authorities.

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) 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	Niklas and Inger Karin	As soon as an up-dated report has been received
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	Niklas and Inger Karin	As soon as an up-dated report has been received
iii) Safeguard that PF considers the recommendations and includes them into the Final Report to an extent deemed possible	Dmitriy	Immediately!
iv) When received, discuss COWIs proposed action plan with Komi authorities	Henrik and Åke	As soon as an up-dated report has been received
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 (EoI) approved by the PSI Committee in February 2015) with Mr Ivlev at the MNRE RF and then present to the EG.	Ruslan	1 st of February 2016
vi) Finalise the Minutes #38 and #39	Åke	1 st of February 2016
vii) Review and adopt/comment on all non-adopted Minutes, in particular #40, #41, #42, #43, #44 and #45	Dmitriy	1 st of February 2016
viii) Consider and prepare other materials, in particular reports, brochures etc. to be published on the ACAP Web-site.	All	1 st of February 2016
ix) 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 meeting was scheduled for 12th or 13th of January 2016 at 09.00 – 12.00 CET/ 11.00 – 14.00 MT.

11. Closure of the meeting

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