# Inventory / Assessment proceedings a **GLIMPSE** of Practical-related issues

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## **Identification of Stakeholders**

- Stakeholders must often be (re-)identified
  - Utilities and Industries
  - > To be also considered:
    - » Army, Navy and Air Forces
    - » Municipalities
    - » Sanitation & Touristic Infrastructures
    - » Shipbuilding industries
    - » Mining Industries
    - » Small industries and consumers
    - » Contractors (workshops, Scrap dealers)
    - » Airports, Ports and Railways
    - » Residential and commercial buildings etc.

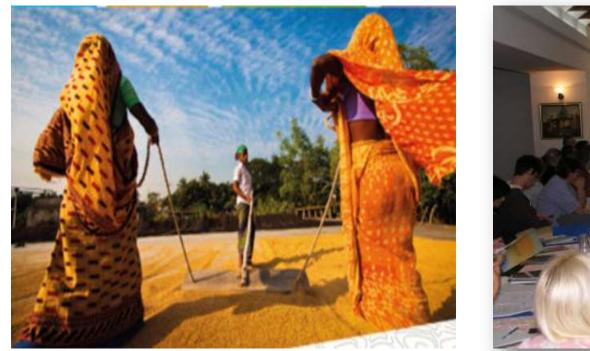


Open applications are **NOT** related to the 2025/2028 deadlines but still need to be sufficiently considered => 25% of world PCB production!



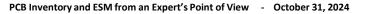


## Input: Be pro-active - Involve Media with POSITIVE News





- Involve journalists & media to become players on your side
- Offer training/workshop breaking complex issue into understandable inputs for the public
- Sell good News we do have POPs problems, but are working on solutions, seeking for assistance
- Launch campaigns feed media with periodic information/updates/contacts
- Offer platforms to people e.g. PCB contest: which company find PCB-suspicious equipment?





## Are we aware of the importance ?

The understanding of needs towards ES PCB Management in the industry, private and community sectors is still often not available
 Fear of costs and work implications

→ Need to reach those who are really working with PCB suspected equipment

- Workers and the public are either not aware of the (PCB) problems, not prepared to change own behavior; or due to other priorities they are not interested in the topic
  - → Need to continue with AR/CP => basis for any future POPs activities AIM: achieving voluntary participation!
- We cannot expect a soon change of behavior but we may must constantly motivate and further initiate the process which goes far further than just the PCB topic!

Decause even more complex challenges are waiting, such as PCB in open applications, SCCP, MCCP, PFASs, Asbestos etc.



## Priority in all Regions: ESM Maintenance





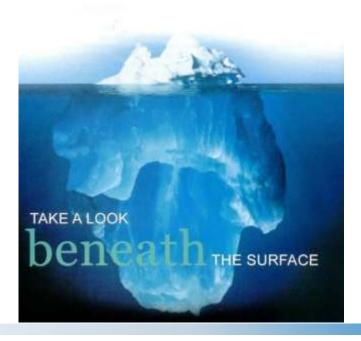
→ check incoming equipment for repair / oil recovery - Pumps, tanks, drums etc.
 → consequently involve all associated industries / service providers in the inventory
 → appropriate communication on (all) levels, incl. decision-makers AND workers





Annex A requires all Parties to cease production of new PCBs <u>immediately</u> ... **and** 

make determined efforts to identify, label and remove from use equipment with (...) > 0.05 % PCB and > 5 litres content





PCB-containing power capacitor pure PCB cooling fluid

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## ... priorities may vary ...

Equipment > 5 l oil 2000 kVA Transformer

- Content 1'000 litre Oil
- 100 mg/kg PCB (0.1g Oil)
- Specific weight: 1.00 kg/l
- → 100 g PCB





- Equipment < 5 | oil Capacitor with pure PCB - Content 1 litre Oil
- Specific weight: 1.350 kg/l
- ➔ 1350 g PCB



## Step-by-Step Sampling/Labelling of a Transformer



Prepare sampling material and label the glass vial before sampling



Sample the oil (30-50ml for PCB screening, 1l if also oil quality is tested)



Screen the oil sample by Clor-N-Oil or L2000 DX Analyzer (on site or off site)



Place drip tray under drain tap, wearing gloves and goggles



Affix sampling label on transformer (after cleaning the surface)



Collect and dispose of screening materials as hazardous wastes



Open drain tap/<u>valve</u> (usually by local electrical technician)

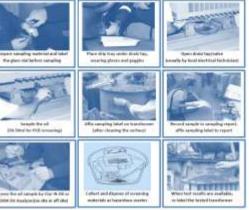


Record sample in sampling report, affix sampling label to report



re-label the tested transformer

#### Factsheet Identification of PCB Transformers Absorbert and / rugs One way protective players (Mattle, PVC, Negarete ar rubber) Drig trees investal or PET Giata stals, 30-50 ml (robust, wide opening) Suferty acquires Foolbox with set of maintenance tools Restlie playtic house, Smm. Syringes, 10-000 even (unwardrivers, pinciers, kocking pilers, hummer) Hand asmos Fantait Carrying has first racks for visits/hottleil Sampling labels (for visits, transformer, report) Always use new or charded) sampling materials Watarproof pass. Collect moste in appropriate/protected place Sampling/Inventory reports Watte disposal in analyzenessentally sparted mannet





## Sampling - Input labels with ID-No. system











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## Data & Quality Management!

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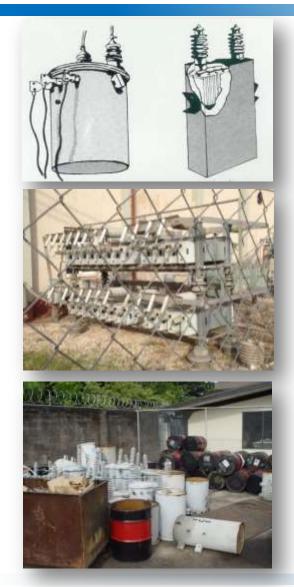


## Input: For tracking Reasons: consecutive numbering





## Capacitors different Approach ...



Step 1 - Year of Manufacture:	Check nameplate for year of manufacture. If capacitor was manufactured in or after 19? → "PCB free"	
Step 2 - Declaration:	Check nameplate for declaration "PCB" or "PCB trade name", e.g. Aroclor, Askarel, Clophen, Delor, Elaol, Fenclor, No FlamolPhenoclor, Pyralene, Pyranol, Sovol, etc. → "PCB containing"	ASKAREL
Step 3 - Capacitor Lists:	Compare nameplate/serial number with capacitor lists. Many devices can be identified or categorised according to information in capacitor lists. →"PCB free or PCB suspect"	
Step 4 - Sampling/Analysis:	If capacitor cannot be identified according to Steps 1-3 above, it must be sampled and analysed according to the procedure with transformers. Alternatively, the capacitor can be regarded as PCB containing. Please see the appropriate Factsheets.	



## Screening by colorimetric or potentiometric method?





## Why using Screening Tools? => 1) Clor-N-Oil and Soil

### Advantages

- Can be used on site Field testing
  => no transportation of samples necessary
- No experience necessary
  => can be done by anybody according to instruction sheet
  => sustainable sampling/screening know how remains in utilities/industries
- > Inexpensive
- Time-saving compared to laboratory (8-10 min. per test)
  => possibility that several teams work simultaneously (work lines)
- > No false-negative results if done according instructions
- > Usually substantial reduction of samples for Lab analysis
- > Suitable for oil and soil

### Disadvantages

- > No proof of results colours may change
- > No concentration / result in ppm only positive or negative response
- > False-positive results due to other chlorine sources
- > Kits expiry 12 months after production







## Why using Screening Tools? => 2) L2000 DXT Analyser

#### Advantages

- Can be used on site Field testing battery driven
  => a centralised use of Analyser is however recommended (sample and data processing)
  => the Analyser remains in the country after project ending building capacities!
- > Result/data recording and transfer possible
- Shows results of potential PCB concentration in ppm (range of 3-2'000 ppm)
  => in case of e.g. dechlorination, a tracking of contamination level is possible
- Time-saving compared to laboratory (12-15 min. per test)
  => possibility that many samples are screened at once
- Cost-efficient from some 200-300 samples/year
  => Compare costs for GC analysis and L2000 screening in your coutnry
- > No false-negative results if done according user manual
- > Suitable for oil, soil, water or wipes
- > Expiry of reagents only <u>24</u> months after production

#### **Disadvantages**

- > Transportation of sample-vials/boxes need of good quality vials
- > False-positive results due to other chlorine sources





## Clor-N-Oil and L2000DXT Introduction on You Tube

## L2000DXT ANALYZER



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqoFYL7tr4c&t=13s

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pt4JsqvF2y4&t=16s

## CLOR-N-OIL TEST KITS





## Screening does not replace Analysis!

- The Clor-N-Oil test kits and the L2000 DXT Analyzer were developed by the US EPRI and DEXSIL in the late70ties to determine quick and reliable potential PCB in cooling fluids. They are very useful but remain <u>screening</u> methods, not intending to replace lab analysis
- But this first stage in determining PCB content, may significantly reduce the quantity of lab analyses AND may build capacities in countries by active participation of Electricians / Technical staff
- It is essential for PCB/POPs activities to have access to accredited laboratory analysis capacities, preferably nationally or regionally.
- Overview of accredited POPs Labs only version 2004 available





UNITED NATIONS CONMENT PROGRAMM



Global Inventory of POPs Laboratories



Prepared by UNEP Chemicals Geneva, Switzerland

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## Possible Standard PCB Inventory Approach

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### **Emergency Actions**





### Sampling



### Screening

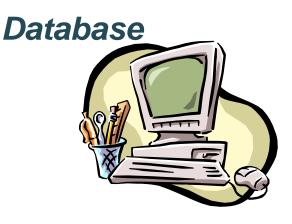
on site (e.g. CNO) or centralized (L2000)

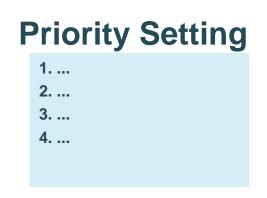
















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## ... Approach

### **Phase Out**



### Transport





### **Interim Storage**



## Periodic Update



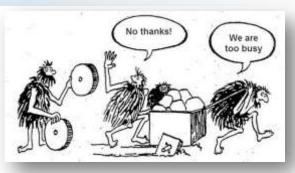
### **Treatment / Disposal**





### Please ...

do not re-invent the wheel - rather use known and already approved technologies and proceedings AND consider lessons learnt



#### do not underestimate PLANNING and timeframes / delays

=> take your time to identify / reach stakeholders => involve experienced IC from the inventory Kick off, they may/must provide substantial inputs => start the purchase of equipment only at the time all is set (inventory teams, dates workshops etc.) => Training of visual inspections and sampling proceedings CANNOT be part of Webinars or Theory Workshops, it MUST be trained on sites with hands on => preferably by those who will do the job

- consider PCB inventories as incomplete as long as not all sectors, all regions and all types of equipment, have been considered and included
- ✓ regard missing laboratory, DG transportation, interim storage platforms as chances:
  - $\rightarrow$  Consider socio-economic opportunities, there are many
  - ightarrow enable and push capacity and infrastructure building <u>for HazWaste in general</u>



## ... and please act prudent and appropriate...





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