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## REMINDER: REGISTRATION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL WASTE INFORMATION REGULATIONS, 2012

The implementation of the National Waste Information Regulations, 2012 promulgated in terms of section 69(1)(y), (aa) and (ee) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) (Waste Act) is now in effect. The persons who conduct activities which are listed in Annexure 1 of the Regulations are reminded to register on the South African Waste Information System at [www.sawic.org.za](http://www.sawic.org.za).

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## THE MINISTER OF WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS APPROVES THE NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The National Implementation Plan (NIP) was approved by the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, Honourable Mrs BEE Molewa and subsequently, transmitted to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention in November 2012. South Africa is now in compliant with article 7 of the Convention.

The NIP is the implementation framework of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). UNEP defines POPs as chemical substances that persist in the environment, bioaccumulate through the food web and pose a risk of causing adverse effects to human health and the environment. The Stockholm Convention seeks to protect human health and the environment from effects of POPs. Initially, the Convention listed in its annexes 12 chemicals as POPs and these include aldrin, chlordecone, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, mirex, hexachlorobenzene, toxaphene, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), DDT, polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (dioxins) and dibenzofurans (furans). 9 additional POPs were added to the list in 2009 and 1 POP was added to the list in 2011, and this makes a total of 22 chemicals listed as POPs by the Convention.

However, this NIP focuses on the initially listed POPs and represents the findings of an initial investigation into the status of the implementation of the Convention, the prevalence of use of these chemicals, their accumulation in the environment and the management of their resulting wastes. It also identifies the legislative and management measures available to meet the objectives of the Convention and to protect human health and the environment from their harmful effects. Gaps in the current management measures have been identified and an action plan to address these gaps and to strengthen the current management measures has been developed. The implementation of the action plan has commenced.

The country is committed to the safe and sustainable use and management of chemicals particularly POPs, as such, the NIP will continually be updated as and when more chemicals are added to the list of POPs. For further information, contact Ms. Mangaka Moloi: 012 310 3967, [MMoloi@environment.gov.za](mailto:MMoloi@environment.gov.za)

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## ON-LINE IWMP DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has developed Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP) guidelines and based on these guidelines the DEA took a step further to develop an IWMP Web-Portal. The IWMP Web Portal is a web based system and requires an internet access to be able to use it on-line. The IWMP Web-Portal has been developed to assist municipalities to develop their IWMPs in-house. To effectively use the system and for the system to yield required product, it requires the municipalities to have relevant information to input into the system. Furthermore, the system is also able to generate tables and graphs when the relevant information is captured into it. The IWMP web portal generates Situation Analysis report on the Ms Word document.

The IWMP web portal system has been developed to address some of the challenges expressed by municipalities with regard to the development of IWMPs. Some of the challenges amongst others includes: Lack of funding for Municipalities to develop IWMPs and capacity constraints.

The IWMP web portal benefits include:

- Assist the municipalities to meet the Waste Act legal requirement as per (Chapter 3 sec 11)
- Empower Municipalities with limited financial resource to develop their IWMPs in-house thereby save costs
- Assist Municipalities with limited capacity to develop their IWMPs in-house

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