

**ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE  
JOINT MEETING OF THE CHEMICALS COMMITTEE AND THE WORKING PARTY ON  
CHEMICALS, PESTICIDES AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**

**Task Force on Hazard Assessment**

**OECD ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT: FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS**

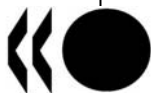
**3rd Meeting of the Task Force on Hazard Assessment**

**29-30 June 2010. OECD Conference Centre  
2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris**

Mr. Michihiro Oi  
Tel: +33 (0)1 45 24 79 07; Fax: +33 (0)1 44 30 61 80; E-mail: [michi.oi@oecd.org](mailto:michi.oi@oecd.org)

**JT03284744**

Document complet disponible sur OLIS dans son format d'origine  
Complete document available on OLIS in its original format



This document outlines proposals on possible follow-up actions regarding the OECD Environmental Risk Assessment Toolkit which was recently published on the OECD public website.

***ACTION REQUIRED:***     *The Task Force is invited to discuss this proposal and propose relevant case studies/road maps on how to use the different tools in the Toolkit.*

## Background

1. After discussions by the Task Force on Hazard Assessment (TFHA) and the Task Force on Exposure Assessment (TFEA) last year, the first version of the OECD Environmental Risk Assessment Toolkit was approved by the 45<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting in February 2010, and published on the public website of the OECD Environment, Health and Safety Programme at <http://www.oecd.org/env/riskassessment/toolkit> in early June 2010.
2. The Toolkit describes the work flow of environmental risk assessment and management with links to relevant OECD products that can be used in each step of the work flow. This Toolkit would contribute to the objectives of the OECD Environment, Health and Safety Programme to disseminate OECD products and to provide support for capacity building. It would also be OECD's contribution to the project by WHO/IPCS to develop practical tools for risk assessment of chemicals for developing countries (see [http://www.who.int/ipcs/methods/harmonization/areas/ra\\_toolkit/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/ipcs/methods/harmonization/areas/ra_toolkit/en/index.html)).
3. At the 45<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting, it was also agreed to investigate possible follow-up actions on the Toolkit that could be performed as a joint project between the TFHA and the TFEA. The Joint Meeting agreed to discuss a detailed work proposal drafted by the two Task Forces at the next Joint Meeting in November 2010.

## Proposals for possible follow-up actions

4. Proposals for two follow-up actions on the first version of the Toolkit are outlined in the tables below. As stated in the tables, the two actions could be done in 2011-2012 if it is agreed by the Joint Meeting in November 2010.

### 1) Inclusion of resources other than OECD products

<b>Objectives</b>	To complete the Toolkit by including “non-OECD” resources such as tools developed by member countries and other IOMC members.
<b>Detailed work plan and timeline</b>	<p><b>The first half of 2011:</b> The members of two Task Forces would be asked to provide the Secretariat with any tools and materials that would be useful to be included in the Toolkit. The focus would be on steps in the risk assessment workflow for which no OECD guidance is available.</p> <p><b>The second half of 2011:</b> The updated draft Toolkit would be developed based on the information provided, and discussed by the two Task Forces in 2011.</p> <p>The updated draft would be submitted to the Joint meeting in early 2012 for declassification, and would be published in 2012.</p>
<b>Resource requirement</b>	The Secretariat could compile the information provided by members and develop the draft updated Toolkit in 2011-2012. This work is part of the EHS work programme for 2011-2012 [see ENV/JM(2010)23]. No additional resources are necessary
<b>Comments on current version of the Toolkit</b>	The current Toolkit includes links to available OECD guidance and tools only.

**2) Development of case studies and roadmaps**

<b>Objectives</b>	To provide more effective guidance to users of the Toolkit by developing a few case studies and roadmaps on how to use the different tools in specific settings with specific objectives (e.g. setting a surface water quality standard, or elaborating a GHS classification)
<b>Detailed work plan and timeline</b>	<p>2010: two or three scenarios of relevance are to be identified by the two Task Forces in their meetings before the proposal will be discussed by the Joint Meeting in November 2010.</p> <p>2011-2012: The draft case studies and roadmaps on the selected scenarios will be developed by a consultant. The development of these drafts will be overseen by the two Task Forces in 2011 and 2012.</p> <p>The final draft case studies and roadmaps would be submitted to the Joint meeting in 2012 for declassification, and would be published by the end of 2012.</p>
<b>Resource requirement</b>	Additional funding for a consultant to develop the case studies and roadmaps in 2011-2012 would be needed.
<b>Comments on current version of the Toolkit</b>	There is a general flowchart on environmental risk assessment and management in the current Toolkit, which would be the basis for developing roadmaps for the specific scenarios.

5. The two activities outlined above would bring the OECD Environmental Risk Assessment Toolkit in line with the WHO Human Health Risk Assessment Toolkit.