

Progress report

Environmental Sound Management of Obsolete Pesticides Stockpiles in Russian Federation ACAP Working Group Meeting, 18 -19 September, Helsinki

Environmentally Sound Management of Stocks of Obsolete Pesticides in the North West Region of Russia

Project set up: ACAP project in cooperation with Pskov Oblast and Vologda Oblast in the framework of the Danish - Russian bilateral Co-operation Agreement. Project coordinator: Mikala Klint with support from Cowi A/S,

Description of the Project: Obsolete Pesticides (OPs), including POPs pesticides, stored in the past in the Pskov region and the Vologda region have been identified, collected and stored. Part of the OPs stocks are stored in a safe and environmentally sound manner to serve as demonstration of such practices. An economic model has been developed for future OP management within the oblast.

(1) Work accomplished: In April 2008 DEPA & COWI visited Pskov in order to monitor the final result of the cleaning up after a fire incident in one of the pesticide storage facilities in December 2006. Unfortunately the storage was not fully cleaned up. Therefore it was agreed to allocate extra 140.000 RUR to finalise the cleaning up (safe repacking of damaged and cut drums and moving of bags with contaminated sand to the cleaned storage).

However by 11 July 2008 it was informed that the work had not yet been initiated and that Pskov Oblast Administration had decided to allocate additional funds from Pskov Oblast budget since the cost of the works exceeded the allocated amount. Pskov Oblast Administration has according to latest information (by 1. September) carried out and completed all agreed tasks by the end of August 2008. Final documentation will be accomplished during beginning of September 2008.

(4) Timeline to completion: The project will be completed end of September 2008.

(5) Issues, problems, and/or opportunities encountered and/or anticipated: The project only encompasses temporary storage of the obsolete pesticides (10-20 years) and selection of a final destruction technology has to be considered by RF. Therefore the biggest constraint for the hazardous waste task is that final destruction of OPs are still absent in RF.

It is recommended that future involvement of ACAP is considered for collection of the remaining 500 t OPs.

Export of OPs have been discussed with the region but since the region includes more than 1000 tons of OPs it is not expected that funding can be identified for such an activity.