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Regulation Workshops



We held the regulation workshops with the participation of the central and provincial directorates of the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change in Ankara on 26-27 April 2022 and 24-25 May 2022, respectively.

Our soil pollution consultant and persistent organic pollutants consultant are working on the update of provisions and applicability of the "Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point-Sources". In connection with the preparation of this regulation, preliminary studies for the update of guidelines and communiqués are underway. The final workshop, where the latest decisions and provisions are to be discussed, will take place in Ankara on 28-29 June 2022.



Study Visits









A delegation with 15 members from the central departments of Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change and UNDP visited Czechia on 9-13 May 2022. During the study visit in Prague, technical personnel observed various technologies used in the remediation of contaminated sites with persistent organic pollutants.

At the opening meeting on 9 May, Ministry of Environment of the Czechia provided information about the studies related to POPs and sites contaminated with POPs. Turkish delegation exchanged with their counterparts from Czechia ideas on the user-friendly practices for registering contaminated sites. The experiences of the Czechia in the environmental protection and conservation and potential collaboration opportunities with the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Republic of Turkey were discussed.

On the second day, the delegation visited, the international consulting firm Dekonta, operating in environmental services and technologies, to obtain preliminary information on the contaminated sites with persistent organic pollutants including Hajek, Srni and Dubno sites located in Prague where the remediation activities are conducted. In this meeting, the site experts explained the thermal desorption method as a remediation technique, applied in the sites contaminated with persistent organic pollutants.

On the third day of the study visit, the delegation examined the remediation technologies applied in Northwest Czechia, in Hajek site that was previously used as waste dump area. The site supervisor gave information about the constructed wetland remediation technique which is used for remediation of the site contaminated with a chemical called "Lindane". The delegation visited Srni and Dubno sites in the last two days. They examined the excavation, bioremediation and on-site remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater in Srni site which is a former wood impregnation plant. Technical experts measured the concentration values in the contaminated and treated soil and then analysed these results.

During the afternoon session, the delegation visited the technical site

office in Slany and received detailed information from our Contaminated Sites Management Expert about the remediation technologies.

Operation Coordination Unit Meeting



On 31 May 2022, we discussed about the ongoing project's activities and plans for the next period with the representatives from Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change and EU Delegation to Turkey during the 24th Operation Coordination Meeting. Project team provided information about the workshops, technical meetings and study visit which were realized between April and May 2022. They shared the latest decisions regarding the technical site visit that is expected to be realized on June 2022.

The next monthly project meeting is scheduled for the end of June 2022.

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