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# Identification and Remediation of Contaminated Sites with Persistent Organic Pollutants Project



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# Training on Risk Assessment and Alternative Remediation Technologies



We organized the “Training on Risk Assessment and Alternative Remediation Technologies” between 23-27 January 2023 in Antalya province with a total of 93 participants (women: 64, men: 29) from the central (9) and provincial directorates (84) of the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change (MoEUCC).

On the first day of the training, the Head of the Water and Soil Management Department Menderes İşcen welcomed all participants and gave an opening speech before the first session of the training.

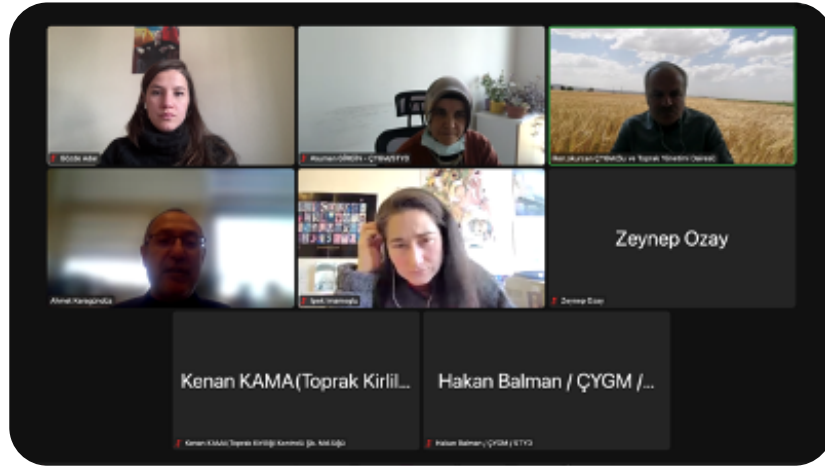
During the 5-day training, our Chief Technical Advisor, Soil Pollution Consultant, Risk Assessment Consultant, Contaminated Sites Consultant and Contaminated Sites Management Consultant informed the participants about the several topics including the revision suggestions for the “Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources”, site-specific risk assessment, selection of alternative remediation technologies. Our consultants also provided various case studies to further illustrate the content with a participatory approach



# Technical Meetings

We held an online meeting on 16 January to further discuss and elaborate the similarities and differences between the current National Legislation and European Union (EU) Soil Strategy. Our Contaminated Sites Consultant, Soil Pollution Consultant and central staff of the Water and Soil Management Department attended the meeting. Technical consultants analyzed the EU Soil Strategy from the national perspective and evaluated its relation with the "Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point Sources."

With the participation of Soil Pollution Consultant and the Water and Soil Management Department, we organized another online technical meeting on 18 January. During the meeting, Soil Pollution Consultant presented recommendations for the improvement of the current national regulation.



Regarding the update of the Technical Guideline on Risk Assessment and Technical Guideline on Remediation, Monitoring of Contaminated Sites and Technologies, we are planning to organize an online meeting on 16 February with the participation of Soil Pollution Consultant, Contaminated Sites Consultant, Risk Assessment Consultant and the technical unit.

# Progress of Project Activities

During January, we hold our weekly project meetings with the technical units of the Ministry, where we discussed the progress of the project activities. According to these meetings, we are making the necessary technical and logistical arrangements for the activities to be held in the first quarter of 2023. Therefore, we are planning to organize a 2-day workshop on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) legislation in Ankara with 15 central MoEUCC staff especially from the Chemicals Management Department at the beginning of March. The workshop will focus on working on the draft regulation with a focus on the new POPs listed under the Stockholm Convention.

Furthermore, we are making necessary arrangements for a 5-day study visit to Belgium and the Netherlands where we observe the international best practices for the management and remediation of POPs contaminated sites by using various techniques and sharing experiences at the institutional level.

We are going to organize the 30th OCU Meeting online on 15 February.

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