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30th Operation Coordination Unit Meeting

We held the online 30th Operation Coordination Unit Meeting on 15 February with the representatives from the European Union Delegation to Türkiye, the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Türkiye Country Office.



We conducted a current situation assessment for the pilot remediation studies to be carried out at sites contaminated with Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). Project experts are preparing the technical site report according to the analysis results of the samples taken from the pilot site. After receiving the feedback of our national and international experts, we aim to submit the tender dossier prepared under the works component of the project to the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change in the following days.

In this meeting, we also decided that many activities in the project's work plan such as the study visit, POPs legislation workshop and sectoral training will be planned according to the availabilities of the Chemicals Management Department and the Water and Soil Management Department.

Technical Guidance Document Preparations



We are updating the relevant technical guidelines according to the revisions made in the Regulation on Control of Soil Pollution and Sites Contaminated by Point-Sources.

The Risk Assessment Consultant visited the Water and Soil Management Department on 21 February to discuss the updates foreseen to be made in the Technical Guidance on Risk Assessment of Contaminated Sites. Following this meeting, we shared the sample reports and the Technical Guidance on POPs Contaminated Sites with the expert.

The consultant is expected to present a study in line with other technical guidelines according to the requirements of the regulation.

Progress of the Project Activities

During February, we continued to organize our weekly project meetings with the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, where we discussed about the work plan. According to these meetings, we continue the necessary technical and administrative coordination for the activities planned for 2023.

We are going to organize the 31st OCU Meeting online on 22 March.

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