

## II QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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### ***“Elimination of Obsolete Pesticide Stockpiles and Addressing POPs Contaminated Sites within a Sound Chemicals Management Framework in Armenia” full-sized Project 00091031***

The contracted local designer company, “Electronnakhagits” CJSC, for provision of services on the design/operational planning for development of a hazardous chemical waste storage/management facility completed Tasks 1, 2 and 3 of the ToR and submitted the outputs: Inception Report, Site Investigation Report, Building and Infrastructure Assessment Report. The re-announced RFP 063/2016 (29.12.2016) resulted in selection of a Czech company DEKONTA a.s., to award the contract for design/assessment of Nubarashen clean-up works. Project IC on Contaminated Soil Clean-up/Remediation Technologies, developed a ToR for procurement of the provider on “Clean-up/disposal services for pesticide contaminated soil from the Nubarashen site, Yerevan, Armenia”, to be announced in July, 2017. On April 18-19, 2017, the second round training-seminar on technical/EHS aspects of hazardous chemical waste storage facilities was conducted by the International Consultant under UNDP/CTF EoD. Project’s International Consultant developed a Strategy for operational optimization and upgrading of the national laboratory (analytical) capacity on POP. A proposal was submitted to UNDP/Russia Trust Fund and approved for co-financing of a short-term expert (EoD) for feasibility studies of in-country application the proposed Russian technologies for POPs/OPs waste destruction. ToRs developed for hiring of 2 PR/Communication Specialists/Consultants. ToR is developed for hiring of Landscape Geologist for site assessment/selection under Activities 1.1 and 1.2.

On May 29, important meeting was held at MES, led by the minister D. Tonoyan, where the technical and regulatory aspects of Kotayk HCW storage facility were presented and discussed with the PMB co-chairs and key Project stakeholders. On June 16, at a special PMB meeting was decided to temporarily suspend the Kotayk HCW facility design works, till selection of the new site/facility.