

Workshop on Hazardous Waste Management (RETA 6361)
Jointly Organized by: Department of Environment (DoE) and Waste Concern
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A workshop on hazardous waste management in Bangladesh was held on March 13, 2008 at the BRAC Center INN auditorium (2nd floor). This workshop was organized jointly by the Department of Environment (DoE) and Waste Concern with the support of Asian Development Bank under the project entitled Regional Technical Assistance (RETA) on Managing Hazardous Waste.

Sixty five participants from the Department of Environment (DoE), Ministry of Environment, Local Government and Engineering Department, Dhaka City Corporation, Planning Commission, Public Works Department, Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET), Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC), Bangladesh Small & Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC), Bangladesh knitwear Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BKMEA), Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA), Bangladesh Textile Mills Association, National Institute for Preventive & Social Medicine (NIPSOM), Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DCCI), Better Business, International Finance Corporation's South Asia Enterprise Development Facility (IFC-SEDF), KATALYST, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), World Health Organization, French Trade Commission, Asian Development Bank, National media Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) along with national dailies and TV channels, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) and representatives from private and public sectors participated in the workshop. Director General of Department of Environment, Dr. Khandaker Rashedul Haque was present as the Chief Guest while Joint Secretary of Ministry of Industry, Md. Abul Hossain Mia was the special guest. Ms. Dewi N. Utami, Environment Specialist of ADB, Mr. Md. Reazuddin, Director Technical of DoE and Mr. Masud Shamim Iqbal, Deputy Director of DoE also spoke in the occasion. Technical paper on Hazardous Waste Management (HWM) and experience of South East Asia was presented by Dr. David Green, while Mr. A. H. Md. Maqsood Sinha and Mr. Iftekhar Enayetullah, Co-Founders of Waste Concern gave presentation on the present state of inventory of hazardous waste being conducted for the Government by Waste Concern under the RETA project of ADB.

During the workshop, it was recommended that after the inventory work of hazardous waste, DoE should develop a separate policy and rules for Hazardous Waste Management and establish full fledged Hazardous Waste Management site using public private partnership approach.