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Dear Colleague,

The Vietnam Environment Administration (VEA), in partnership with the Taiwan Environmental Protection Administration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (North America), and the National Central University (Taiwan) are convening an Asia-Pacific Mercury Monitoring Workshop to facilitate regional cooperation on atmospheric mercury monitoring towards improving capabilities for assessing atmospheric mercury transport and deposition. The workshop will be held in September 10-12, 2014 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

This invitation-only workshop will include approximately 30 participants from more than 10 different countries representing national environmental Agencies and Ministries, Academia, Non-Governmental Organizations, and other Sectors. Specific goals for the workshop are to:

1. Exchange scientific information on programs in Asia and North America that monitor atmospheric mercury concentrations, wet/dry mercury deposition, and related pollutants;
2. Review progress to date developing mercury monitoring capacity for the Asia-Pacific region, in light of the Minamata Convention;
3. Further develop plans for the Asia-Pacific mercury monitoring pilot network;
4. Provide training and demonstration of mercury wet deposition sampling operations and manual methods for gaseous and particulate atmospheric mercury sampling, including review of SOPs and best practices.

We believe that you can contribute effectively to the goals of this workshop. We hope to engage a wide-ranging group of stakeholders and scientists that represent a broad range of perspectives, interests, and expertise. If you cannot attend, consider recommending someone else from your organization that you believe would be an effective contributor. If we have space, we will extend an invitation to that person. We hope you choose to participate. If you intend to participate, please respond as soon as possible, but no later than **July 10th, 2014** to Mr. Nguyen Van Thuy at email: tathuy@vea.gov.vn; Tel: 0084 -4-577-1816; Fax: 0084-4-577-1855.

Attached, you will find a draft workshop agenda. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Guey -Rong Sheu at email: grsheu@atm.ncu.edu.tw, Mr. David Schmeltz at email: schmeltz.david@epa.gov/001+202-343-9255 or Dr. David Gay at email: dgay@illinois.edu.

If you choose to attend, you will receive information regarding the meeting location, lodging options, and other logistical details as planning for the workshop progresses.

Thank you in advance for considering participation in this important meeting.

Sincerely,

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