

A workshop on

“Electronic Interactive Toolkit for Environmentally Sound Management of Industrial Chemicals”

CSIR-NEERI, under the banner of Stockholm Convention Regional Centre (SCRC) on POPs for Asia Region, organized a workshop on **“Electronic Interactive Toolkit for Environmentally Sound Management of Industrial Chemicals”** during December 19-20, 2013 under Small Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA), sponsored by Secretariat of Rotterdam Convention, Geneva. The Major objectives of the workshop were introduction to the electronic interactive toolkit to the participants which will be helpful to assist developing countries in setting up an industrial chemicals management system. This electronic interactive toolkit is prepared with the aim to provide accurate and consolidate information so as to assist developing countries in responding to their related obligations under the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. Also, the toolkit will serve as a one stop shop for the identification of best practices by providing guidance and training materials for the setting up of an industrial chemicals management system. This workshop served as a platform to gather and share the information with respect to industrial chemical management followed in India and abroad.

National participants from various agencies viz. Central Pollution Control Board, various State Pollution Control Boards, Indian Chemical Council, NGOs and International participants from Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam attended the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated with the welcome address by Dr. S. R. Wate, Director, CSIR-NEERI which was followed by a presentation on activities of SCRC by Dr. Asha A. Juwarkar, Chief Scientist and Head, Eco-System Division and Organizer of the workshop. The workshop covered various lectures by experts followed by working group exercises by participants to share their views and knowledge gained by them on various aspects of industrial chemical management. Various aspects of industrial chemical management covered during the workshop include introduction to Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions; industry perspective to chemical management; scope of environmentally sound management of

industrial chemicals etc. The lab visits were also organized to demonstrate various facilities available at CSIR-NEERI.

The workshop was concluded on December 20, 2013 by **Dr. S. R. Wate**, which was highly appreciated by the participants and they requested to organize many such programmes in future.