

An update on the UN Environment coal partnership - current activities in Southeast Asia

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The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has finalised the Minamata Convention and, following ratification, many countries will have to apply best available control technologies on new and existing coal-fired power plants (5 and 10 years after ratification, respectively). This presentation will summarise project work carried out in countries such as Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam to facilitate the development of plant-specific emission factors and more accurate emission inventories for emissions of mercury from the coal sector in these regions. The various options for mercury reduction in different countries taking challenges such as water availability, coal characteristics, economics and other regional factors must be taken into account when developing emission reduction strategies for these regions.