

The 2nd Newsletter is issued!!

The Solid Waste Management Project in Oceania Region is ongoing. We are happy to share our achievements and progress for the five-month period from July 2008, in this, our 2nd project newsletter. The success we report in this newsletter could only be achieved as a result of your hard work and efforts. So, we say a big THANK YOU! and we look forward to your continued support and cooperation. Enjoy reading!



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[Output1] Tafaigata landfill monitoring

Tafaigata landfill in Samoa is now facing some minor problems to maintain the landfill as a sanitary landfill due to several issues such as waste-pickers, change in landfill personnel, and a landfill fire. The Project has reviewed the basic concept of the semi-aerobic landfill and examined the current situation and current issues at the landfill to identify gaps in knowledge and technical expertise. The contents of the in-country training workshop to be undertaken from December 1-10, 2008 have been designed to address these gaps.

[Output2] In-Country Training for National Solid Waste Management Strategy ("NSWMS")

The Project has held In-Country Training workshops in several countries, to provide assistance and guidance in the development of a National Solid Waste Management Strategy (NSWMS). The intended outcome of the workshop is a draft of the NSWMS and Action Plan in line with the Regional Strategy. As from August 2008, the NSWMS Workshops has been held in the following two countries:

	Location	Duration	Number of participants
1.	Marshall Islands	August 12 - 15, 2008 (4days)	60
2.	Federated States of Micronesia	August 18 - 22, 2008 (5days)	31

Almost all the islands of RMI were represented at the Workshop and they shared the specific issues faced in their individual islands with the other attendees. Participants were also impressed to have a look the existing landfill in Pohnpei since it was well-managed in the past. In the Workshop, we discussed the importance of waste minimization, the responsibility of EPA, waste management in neighboring islands, and so on. After the Workshop, the National Waste Strategy writing team, "Waste Warriors" was set up for drafting the Strategy and Action Plan. Their challenge has just started.

There should be different approaches needed. There are markedly different situations and issues among, and even within, the four States which are Yap, Chuuck, Pohnpei and Kosrae, reflecting both the conditions of the environment and the social structures. The most remarkable thing is that the Workshop gave all national and state officials the first opportunity of gathering together at the same table. Representatives at state level presented the current situation and issues in each state, with discussion taking place among all states in order to identify common issues and develop a National Strategy and Action Plan. National government officials introduced strategies for accesses existing financial schemes. In addition, the first sanitary landfill has been constructed using the Semi-Aerobic Landfill methods in Kosrae State of FSM, and it will soon begin its operations. Therefore, Mr.Faafetai Sagapolutele, the former Principle Officer Waste Management of MNRE, was invited for the Workshop and introduced the concept of semi-aerobic landfill and lessons learned based on the experience in Tafaigata landfill in Samoa. There was a considerable amount of discussions, and exchange of the information in the Workshop, which benefited all participants.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR (Jul08- Oct08)



(1) RMI NSWMS Workshop →

(2) FSM NSWMS Workshop →



[Output3] Information Network on SWM

Informational CD/DVDs are now available from the Secretariat, and they include the following information;

Anyone who would like to receive the above information is encouraged to email; yurie_1105@hotmail.com or frankg@sprep.org.

In addition, an online information exchange network ("WASTE INFORMATION": http://sprep-forum.sprep.org/sprep_forums/modules/newbb/viewforum.php?forum=5) was established at SPREP website, so that you can contact with us anytime, anywhere.

01.	Regional Strategy (Solid Waste Management Strategy for Pacific Region)
02.	National Solid Waste Management Strategy
03.	Semi-aerobic landfill management
04.	Draft guidelines in waste management (each waste item)
05.	EU Waste Characterisation Surveys
06.	Awareness
07.	Bulky waste management
08.	Atoll waste management
09.	Reports
10.	Waste Laws
11.	POPs
12.	Marine pollution
13.	IWM Report; SPREP-Basel Convention
14.	AFD project files



[Output4] Bulky Waste Management

Preliminary Survey for Large Difficult Wastes in Pacific Region is ongoing.

The Project is now conducting a Questionnaire survey in order to develop guidelines for abandoned vehicles and other bulky wastes taking account of the trend of these problems and the peculiar socio-economic conditions in island countries. The survey is composed of some questions regarding current situation on large waste and government policies and programmes. Questionnaires have already been sent by e-mail to the people who are in charged of waste management in each country. Questionnaires should be completed by December 20, 2008, and returned by email to (yurie_1105@hotmail.com).

UPDATE NEWS from Project Management

The **SWMPOR** is joint projects of the **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**, the **Samoa Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)** and the **Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)**.

The Project welcomed the new members! **Mr. Niualuga Evaimalo**, Principle Officer Waste Management of MNRE, and **Ms. Esther Richards**, Solid Waste Officer of SPREP who were assigned and started working together as our main partners since August 2008.



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Upcoming events!

November 24th – 27th 2008

In-Country Training in Nauru (NSWMS Workshop)

December 1st – 10th 2008

In-Country Training in Samoa (Landfill operation and maintenance)

The next Newsletter (Vol.3) will be issued on **1st March, 2009**

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