

Environmental and social responsibility for the 21st Century

International Lead Management Center

Promoting Good Practice for Environmental Protection and Human Health

The ILMC was created in 1996 by the lead producing industry to help industry, governments and intergovernmental agencies manage risks associated with lead in respect of environment and human health.

The ILMC offers advice and assistance across the industry and throughout the lead lifecycle including mining, smelting, refining and recycling. The ILMC is also sensitive to cultural, technical, geographical and socio-economic complexities. Risk management solutions are tailored to the distinct lead exposure issues identified by experienced multi-tasking teams.

Since its inception, industry regulators have been able to contact the ILMC when they identify potential problems that they believe require an expert response.

Systems are in place so that each inquiry is assessed and the appropriate response is rapid. Normally most inquiries are dealt with by return, but when that is not possible a multi-stakeholder consultation involving all the interested or affected parties is set up to establish an action plan.

The majority of the work undertaken by the ILMC has involved providing technical advice associated with the collection and recycling of leaded products, and in particular used lead acid batteries. In addition it has included decontamination of contaminated sites, medical surveillance and community relations.

All the Risk Management Projects that ILMC has been involved with have been carried out in conjunction with National Governments, the Lead Industry and intergovernmental agencies, such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Environment Programme, and the Secretariat to the Basel Convention. Such multi-stakeholder projects increase the credibility of the work and the level of global awareness of the Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of leaded product streams.

The ILMC continues the promotion of environmentally sound management systems, safe operating practices and sound hygiene procedures to minimise lead exposure through regional and global multi-stakeholder projects.

The ILMC has built on its 10 years experience to develop a "Risk Reduction Toolbox" offering practical guidance on a wide range of issues. The "Tools" are available in English and Spanish on the ILMC website at www.ilmc.org.

The web site also includes references to best practice, occupational health and environmental management case studies, details of use and manuals for Small Enterprise Units and for lead-bearing products such as ceramics and crystalware.

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