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**Regional Consultation Meeting:
Strengthening Contaminated Soil Monitoring in Vietnam**

**The Melia Hotel, Hanoi, Vietnam
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Cooperation on Strengthening Contaminated Soil Monitoring in Vietnam

Soil contamination management is a priority of the Government of Vietnam. The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MoNRE) is working to develop improved policies, practices and tools to strengthen its soil contamination monitoring capability. Through its membership in the Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network (AECEN), MoNRE cooperates with other AECEN member agencies to share information and practices on soil contamination management.

To help strengthen its policies and practices on soil contamination, MoNRE and the Korea Ministry of Environment (KMOE) have established an AECEN twinning partnership with funding and coordination support from the USAID Environmental Cooperation-Asia (ECO-Asia) project to share ideas and information. Under the guidance of a Working Group composed of representatives from relevant agencies and chaired by MoNRE, the main objectives of the partnership are as follows:

- Promote the transfer of best practices and experience from Korea to Vietnam related to contaminated soil monitoring;
- Develop draft technical guidelines on contaminated soil monitoring;
- Build the capacity of key practitioners and stakeholders in Vietnam; and
- Facilitate linkages with Asian counterparts.

To date, experts from KMOE, Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI) and Korea Environment Corporation (K eco) visited Vietnam during March 21-24, 2011, and hosted the Vietnamese Working Group during technical discussions in Korea during May 17-20.

Objectives:

- Exchange views on the draft technical guidelines on contaminated soil monitoring with experts from Korea, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam;
- Conduct technical discussions on selected topics; and
- Identify next steps in partnership.

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