The management of mercury containing waste as required by the Convention has been identified as one of the major issues developing countries are facing. The Minamata Convention does not allow the manufacturing, import and export of mercury-added products listed in the Convention, but the legacy needs to be managed. UNIDO is helping countries to prevent mercury containing waste entering the environment and identifying long-term solutions for the final disposal of mercury.

UNIDO's activities include:

- assisting in strategy development to identify and assess mercury contaminated sites
- developing collection schemes and centers for mercury containing products: fluorescent lamps, batteries, cosmetic products, thermometers, dental amalgams, etc.
- establishing in-country pre-treatment facilities
- formulating guidelines and conducting pilot demonstrations on Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices for the safe storage of mercury
- offering possibilities for safe final disposal of mercury together with private sector partners, such as Nomura Kohsan Co. Ltd.



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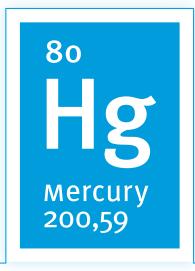






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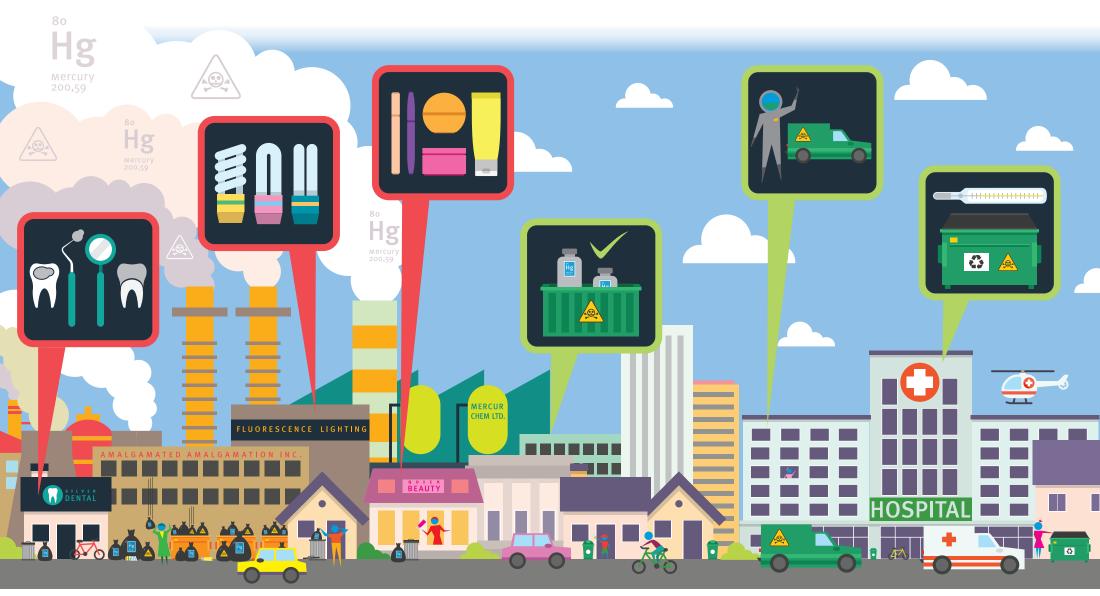


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