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**Ms. Monika Stankiewicz**  
**Executive Secretary**  
**Minamata Convention on Mercury**  
**United Nations Environment Program**  
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Dear Ms. Stankiewicz,

**CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING**

**AND PROTECTION (DEPP) - MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING**

This is to advise that the Parliament of The Bahamas passed an Act establishing the Department of Environmental Planning and Protection (DEPP) effective January 17, 2020.

The Department had replaced the Bahamas Environment, Science and Technology (BEST) Commission. Mrs. Rochelle W. Newbold has been appointed Director of the DEPP and can be contacted as follows:

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The above address is to be used in any official correspondence between the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Ministry of the Environment and Housing and the Department of Environmental Planning and Protection (DEPP).

We look forward to the continued support provided by the Minamata Convention on Mercury to the Government and people of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Sincerely,

**David L. Cates**  
**Permanent Secretary**

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