With reference to Decision MC-2/2 and the call for information from Parties and others to the work on mercury waste under the Minamata Convention, Norway is pleased to suggest that deposition/scale is added to the list in the annex to document UNEP/MC/COP.2/6. These are deposits from bedrock from (offshore) drilling operations and can contain mercury. There are examples from Norwegian oil industry where mercury is found in various levels in scale, primarily as mercury sulphide but also in metallic form, and we find it relevant to add this waste fraction on the list.

Norway would also like to apologize for the delay of our comments.

Regards

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