

WHAT ARE POPs?

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are one particular group of hazardous chemicals which can have such adverse effects. They are carbon-based, organic chemicals that are man-made, with characteristics that make them harmful to human health and the environment.

Human and wildlife exposure to POPs can occur through direct contact with the chemicals, consumption of contaminated foods, or environmental exposure (i.e. via air, water and soil).

POPs are produced as:

- 1- Pesticides
- 2- Industrial Chemicals

or they are unintentionally released (called uPOPs) as by-products from:

- 1- Gas flaring
- 2- Rubber
- 3- Plastics
- 4- Medical Waste
- 5- Domestic Waste

