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IMPLEMENTATION OF MINAMATA CONVENTION: TAKE HOME MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE

A Sensitization Workshop to implement the Minamata Convention in Artesanal and Small Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) sites in Oyo State was recently organised.

The take home message from the Sensitization Workshop organised by the Federal Ministry of Health on the Minamata Convention is hereby communicated to the entire University community.

In view of its deleterious and transgenerational effect on both human life and the environment, the use of Mercury in all its forms should be discontinued with immediate effect.

With respect to ASGM, a cheaper and more productive alternative to the use of Mercury in the form of Borax has been recommended. Borax is a non-toxic and eco-friendly substance.

Thank you.

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