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### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS OF ENVIRONMENT IN SERBIA**

A report reviewing the state of Serbia's environment in 2010 will be released on Thursday, December 8, during the National Conference organized by the Serbian Agency for Environment Protection (SEPA) and the USAID Agribusiness Project.

The media is invited to attend the paper's release at the Conference on the Status of Environment in Serbia, which will be held at Sava Center in New Belgrade.

The conference will be opened by a trio of speakers: Momcilo Zivokovic, Director of the SEPA; Dr. Miladin Avramov, State Secretary at the Ministry of Environment, Mining and Spatial Planning; and Louis Faoro, Chief of Party of the USAID Agribusiness Project.

Detailed analyses of air, water and soil quality, as well as the effects certain industries are having on the environment will be presented. In addition, environmental experts from the Agency for Environmental Protection will discuss possibilities and plans for the protection of the environment.

The USAID Agribusiness Project is a part of a wider USAID portfolio of activities to encourage sustainable economic development in Serbia. The USAID Agribusiness Project is focused on stimulating exports of Serbian agricultural goods, increasing efficiency and competitiveness, improving the enabling environment for Serbian agribusinesses, and creating new employment in the agribusiness sector.

**WHO:** Momcilo Zivokovic, Director of SEPA; Dr. Miladin Avramov, State Secretary at the Ministry of Environment, Mining and Spatial Planning; Louis Faoro, Chief of Party, USAID Agribusiness Project.

**WHAT:** Opening of the Conference on the Status of Environment in Serbia

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 8, 2011. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Sava Center Amphitheater, New Belgrade.

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