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Workshop
“Environmental safety of gas and oil pipelines in Belarus”

17-18 September 2015
Minsk, Belarus

Agenda

Venue: Minsk, Renaissance Hotel, 220036, Minsk, Dzerzhynskogo ave., 1E

Day I, Wednesday, 16 September 2015

Arrival of participants

Day II, Thursday, 17 September 2015

9:30 – 10:00	Registration
	<i>Moderator of the session – Mr. Alexandr Rachevskyy, Republic Centre on hydrometeorology, radioactive control and monitoring</i>
10:00 – 10:20	<p>Welcome speech:</p> <p><i>Mr. Alexander Andreev, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Evgeny Baranovsky, Ministry of Emergency Situations</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Igar Tchoulba, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei, Joint Expert Group, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Nickolai Denisov, Zoi Environment Network</i></p> <p><i>Introduction of the seminar’s participants</i></p>
10:20-11:20	<p>Project presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Linking Environment and Security in Belarus” and its component “Environmental safety of gas and oil pipelines in Belarus” <i>Ms. Natallia Hubsкая, UNDP</i> <i>Ms. Lesya Nikolayeva, Zoi Environment Network</i> • UNECE Safety Guidelines and Good Practices for Pipelines (guideline document). German example - Process and Integrated Permit by the Competent Authority <i>Mr. Walter Reinhard, Environment Division of the Regional Authority in the Federal State of Hessen, Germany</i> • UNECE Strategy for Risk Reduction <i>Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei, Chairman of the UNECE Joint Expert Group, Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents</i>
11:20 – 11:40	Coffee break / Press Conference

<i>Moderator of the session – Mr. Uladzimir Lipsky, Polotsk State University</i>	
11:40-13:20	<p>State policy and legal framework of the Republic of Belarus in ensuring environmental safety of pipelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory documents and policy in the area of environmental safety of pipelines <i>Mr. Dmytryy Volk, State Industrial Inspection</i> Permitting process at different stages of a new facility development (designing, construction, commissioning, operation) <i>Mr. Oleg Chernikov, OJSC “Gomel Transneft “Druzhba”</i> Review of environmental safety of gas and oil pipelines – first results of the implementation of the project component and its recommendations <i>Mr. Uladzimir Lipski, Polotsk State University</i>
13:20 – 14.00	Lunch
<p><i>Breakout groups.</i></p> <p><i>Moderators of the groups:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Uladzimir Lipski, Polotsk State University</i> - <i>Mr. Andrei Kulbei, Polotsk State University</i> - <i>Mr. Aleksei Varonin, Polotsk State University</i> - <i>Ms. Liudmila Spiridzionak, Polotsk State University</i> 	
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Potential and significance of the application of “The Guidelines...” and recommendations for upgrading the regulatory framework and practices to ensure pipeline safety in the Republic of Belarus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation I «The importance of adjustment and/or elaboration of the system of technical regulatory acts of Belarus in the pipeline transport» Recommendation II “Improvements of the capacities of the national technical committee of Belarus on standardization “Pipeline transportation of oil, gas and oil products“ (TK 17)” Recommendation III “Emergency actions plans” Recommendation IV «Approaches in risk/hazard assessment and land planning»
16:00 – 16.20	Coffee break
16:20 – 17:20	<p>Presentation and discussion of the results in the breakout groups</p> <p>Draft of summary recommendations of the seminar to upgrade the regulatory framework and practices ensuring pipeline safety in the Republic of Belarus</p>
17:20 – 18:30	<p>Thematic session 1</p> <p>Presentation of the preliminary analysis of environmental risk of oil pipelines in Belarus with expert ranking method <i>Mr. Andrei Kulbei, Polotsk State University</i></p> <p>Discussion: applicability of methods for environmental risk assessment for safety of main pipelines in Belarus:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • qualified risk assessment on main pipelines • the importance of preparation of the scientific background on methodology for environmental and production risks assessment on pipelines and its technical regulatory documentation
18:30	Dinner

Day II, Friday, 18 September 2015

<i>Moderator of session – Mr. Uladzimir Lipski, Polotsk State University</i>	
9:30 – 11:00	<p>Thematic session 2</p> <p>Upgrading technical regulatory framework and practices in design, construction and maintenance of pipelines objects/facilities <i>Ms. Liudmila Spiridzionak, Polotsk State University</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction of the innovative technical solutions into technical regulatory documents on construction of new pipeline facilities • exclusion of outdated technical and technological solutions from acting technical regulatory documents on construction of new pipeline facilities
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 13:00	<p>Thematic session 3</p> <p>Ensuring environmental safety of the pipelines in the neighbouring countries and transboundary cooperation experience with the Republic of Belarus to prevent and eliminate effects of industrial accidents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Laura Vizbule</i>, Environment State Bureau, Latvia • <i>Mr. Yevheniy Fedorenko</i>, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ukraine • <i>Mr. Andreas Haskamp</i>, FVC Rhine – Pipeline Joint Venture Management, Germany • <i>Mr. Harry Gnorski</i>, PCK Raffinerie GmbH, Germany • <i>Mr. Premysl Kuchar</i>, MERO CR JSC, Check Republic
13:00 – 14.00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Discussion of the draft of summary recommendations of the seminar to upgrade the legal framework and practices to ensure safety of the pipelines of the Republic of Belarus</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Wrapping up and closing of the seminar