



**UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents**

**UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary  
Watercourses and International Lakes**

**19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
OF THE  
JOINT EXPERT GROUP ON WATER AND INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS**

To be held on 5 November 2019  
starting at 1 p.m. and closing at 6 p.m.

Ministry of Interior, József Attila út. 2-4,  
1051 Budapest, Hungary  
Room 129, first floor

The meeting will be held in English.



*Lunch, hosted by the Ministry of Interior, Hungary (12.00 – 1.00 p.m.)*

**1. Opening of the meeting**

- Opening of the meeting by Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei (Germany) and Mr. Peter Kovacs (Hungary), Co-Chairs of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (JEG)
- Tour-de-table of the participants

**2. Follow up to the *Seminar on accidental transboundary water pollution prevention – contingency planning, early warning, mitigation***

- JEG Co-Chairs will briefly summarize the key findings and conclusions from the seminar, with the support of the UNECE secretariat
- Participants will be invited to discuss the key findings and conclusions as well as possible follow-up activities

**3. Strengthening cooperation with the River Basin Commissions**

- UNECE secretariat will provide background information on strengthening cooperation with River Basin Commissions
- Representatives from the River Basin Commissions and the JEG experts will be invited to discuss concrete proposals for strengthening cooperation, including for example:
  - (a) Organizing (joint) side events and/or meetings
  - (b) Enhancing information exchange about ongoing/planned activities, exercises, etc.
  - (c) Encouraging the use of the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification system, along with the river basin early warning systems, during transboundary exercises
  - (d) Promoting and testing guidance materials on preventing transboundary accidental water pollution (e.g. on oil terminals, tailings, pipelines, firefighting water retention)

**4. Update on ongoing and planned tailings management facilities (TMFs) activities**

- Participants will be invited to provide updates on ongoing and planned projects and activities relating to the safety of TMFs, namely on:
  - (a) Projects in the Danube region (Mr. A. Kovacs, ICPDR)
  - (b) Projects in Central Asia (UNECE secretariat and Co-Chair Mr. Winkelmann-Oei)
  - (c) Projects in the Caucasian region (Mr. Sahakyan, Eco-Peace NGO)
  - (d) A consultation for Central Asian countries, co-convened by UNECE and the International Council on Mining and Metals (Almaty, 18-19 November 2019), on a draft international tailings standard, prepared under the [Global Tailings Review](#) (UNECE secretariat)
- Participants will be invited to discuss these ongoing and planned activities and provide advice

*Coffee break (3.30 – 4 p.m.)*

**5. Publishing of JEG guidance materials and promotional materials**

- UNECE secretariat will provide an update on recently produced guidance materials and promotional materials on the JEG, namely:
  - (a) Safety guidelines and good practices on the management and retention of firefighting water publication

(b) Brochure on the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

(c) Postcards on JEG guidance materials

- Participants will be invited to discuss how to promote and distribute these materials

#### **6. Report on events relating to the JEG in 2018**

- Co-Chairs will report on the implementation of activities at the meetings of the governing bodies of the Water and Industrial Accidents Conventions in October and December 2018, respectively, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the JEG in 2018

#### **7. Implementation of the JEG workplan for 2019-2020**

- UNECE secretariat will present the activities in the current JEG workplan, including those without determined lead parties/resources
- Participants will be invited to discuss the implementation of the JEG workplan for 2019-2020 and identify lead parties/resources (if not yet done) for the following activities:
  - (a) Disseminate, test and facilitate the application of the UNECE Safety guidelines and good practices on the management and retention of firefighting water
  - (b) Support the implementation of UNECE safety guidelines and checklists in countries with economies in transition and interested United Nations Member States beyond the UNECE region (e.g. by promoting these guidance materials at workshops and training events organized by the JEG, River Basin Commissions and other bodies, or providing support to the implementation of ongoing and possible future projects relating to accidental water pollution prevention)
  - (c) Promote / organize transboundary response exercises (e.g. by participating in and facilitating workshops, seminars or webinars on lessons learned from such exercises, relevant international forums and conferences).
- Ms. Lubov Hertmann, JEG member from Belarus, will be invited to provide an update on the planned introduction of the safety guidelines for pipelines into national practices in Belarus and any related project(s)

#### **8. Planning for future JEG activities and meetings**

- UNECE secretariat in cooperation with the JEG Co-Chairs will report on the outcome of recent discussions held in the Bureaux of both Conventions regarding the future organization of JEG activities
- Participants will be invited to discuss the subject and consider prioritizing tasks for future implementation

#### **9. Any other business**

- Participants wishing to raise any other business should contact the UNECE secretariat and Co-Chairs at their earliest convenience

#### **10. Wrap-up and closure of the meeting**

- Co-Chairs to summarize the decisions taken and to close the meeting at 6 p.m.

*Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Interior of Hungary (7 p.m.)*