

10. What are the measures implemented to prevent or limit the transboundary impact of accidental pollution?

Notification and communication

Coordinated or joint early warning or alarm system for accidental water pollution

Other (please list): [fill in]

No measures

If not, why not? What difficulties does your country face in putting in place such measures?: [fill in]

1. Definition/scope

- Explain and provide examples for each measure.

- Draw explanation from key provisions of the Water Convention and the Watercourses Convention
- Water Convention, Art. 3(1)
  - To prevent, control and reduce transboundary impact, the Parties shall develop, adopt and as far as possible, render compatible relevant legal, administrative, economic, financial and technical measures, in order to ensure, inter alia, that: ... (l) the risk of accidental pollution is minimised.
- Watercourses Convention, Art. 28
  - Watercourse States shall, individually and, where appropriate, jointly, take all appropriate measures to prevent or mitigate conditions related to an international watercourse that may be harmful to other watercourse States, whether resulting from natural causes or human conduct, such as flood or ice conditions, water-borne diseases, siltation, erosion, salt-water intrusion, drought or desertification.
  - A watercourse State shall, without delay and by the most expeditious means available, notify other potentially affected States and competent international organizations of any emergency originating within its territory
  - When necessary, watercourse States shall jointly develop contingency plans for responding to emergencies, in cooperation, where appropriate, with other potentially affected States and competent international organizations.

- Danube Accident Emergency Warning System (AEWS)
  - Activated whenever there is a risk of transboundary water pollution , or threshold danger levels of hazardous substances are exceeded.
  - International warning messages sent to downstream countries
  - Operates on International Alert Centres
  - Established 1997 (Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), then in 1999 (Ukraine and Moldova), and since 2005 (Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia)

