

Inaugural Meeting of the Working Group on Tailings Safety and the Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution in Tajikistan

*2 December 2021, at 2pm Dushanbe time,
online via zoom conference*

Agenda

Moderator: *Mr. Ardasher Mirzozoda, Deputy Chairman of the Service of the State Supervision over the Safe Conduct of Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan*

13:30 - 14:00	Arrival (in-person) and connection (online) of participants
Opening session	
14:00 - 14:10	Welcome speeches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Ardasher Mirzozoda, Deputy Chairman of the Service of the State Supervision over the Safe Conduct of Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</i> - <i>Ms. Sharifa Khudobakhsh, Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan</i> - <i>Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Chief of the Transboundary Cooperation Section Chief of the Transboundary Cooperation Section, UNECE Environment Division</i>
14:10 - 14:20	Presentation and adoption of the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Head of delegation from each ministry / committee: Introduction of colleagues and indication of the main responsibilities of the ministry / committee for the safety of tailings and prevention of accidental water pollution</i>
Session 1. Ensure Safe Management of Tailings and Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution	
14:20 – 14:30	Measures and challenges to ensure industrial safety and safe management of tailings in Tajikistan , <i>Mr. Firdavs Sharipov, National Coordinator for the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, Service of the State Supervision over the Safe Conduct of Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</i>
14:30– 14:40	Monitoring of radiation tailings in the Republic of Tajikistan , <i>Mr. Jamshed Kamolov Head of the Main Directorate for the Protection of the Population of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense under the Government for the Republic of Tajikistan</i>
14:40 – 14:55	Q&A, discussion
Session 2. Best Practices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) on the Safe Management of Tailings and their Application in Tajikistan	
14:55 – 15:10 (including video)	The UNECE Industrial Accidents and Water Conventions, Safety guidelines and good practices for TMFs and Online Toolkit and Training for Strengthening Mine Tailings Safety , <i>Ms. Claudia Kamke, Project Manager, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents</i> Background information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety guidelines and good practices for tailings management facilities - Online Toolkit and Training for Strengthening Mine Tailings Safety - Decision 2020/1 on Strengthening Mine Tailings Safety - Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents - Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

	Link to the video: https://youtu.be/D7h8MZHt4KM
15:10 – 15:25 (live demo)	<p>Application of UNECE tools, guidelines and best practices to prevent accidental water pollution from TMFs in Tajikistan, including live demonstration of an interactive map of TMFs, Ms. Claudia Kamke, Project Manager, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and Ms. Oleksandra Lohunova, UNECE Consultant</p> <p><u>Background information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interactive map for TMFs in Tajikistan - Project to strengthen the safety of mining operations, in particular tailings management facilities (TMFs), in Tajikistan and Central Asia - Project on supporting countries of Central Asia in strengthening the safety of mine tailings
15:25 – 15:40	Q&A, discussion
15:40 – 15:50	Technical break
Session 3. Establishment of a Working Group on the Tailings Safety and Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution in Tajikistan and Discussion of Priority Actions	
15:50 – 16:00	<p>The working group on tailings safety and prevention of accidental water pollution: goals, objectives, the form of establishment (Terms of Reference), Mr. Ardasher Mirzozoda, Deputy Chairman of the Service of the State Supervision over the Safe Conduct of Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</p>
16:00 – 16:20	<p>Q&A, discussion of the draft Terms of Reference between the competent authorities in order to approve the Terms of Reference and the formal creation of the Working Group</p> <p><u>Background document:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Tailings Safety and the Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution in Tajikistan
16:20 – 16:30	<p>The updated self-assessment and action plan of Tajikistan on the integration of tailings/Natech risks and the Action Plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the Third Environmental Performance Reviews (EPRs), Mr. Ardasher Mirzozoda, Deputy Chairman of the Service of the State Supervision over the Safe Conduct of Work in Industry and Mining Supervision under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</p> <p><u>Background documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated self-assessment and action plan of Tajikistan (2021) - Tajikistan EPR Action Plan to Strengthen the Implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention and Tailings Safety (2021)
16:30 – 16:45	Q&A, discussion of proposals for further action
<i>Closing session</i>	
16:45 – 17:00	<p>Wrap-up and adoption of the Protocol.</p> <p>Closure.</p>