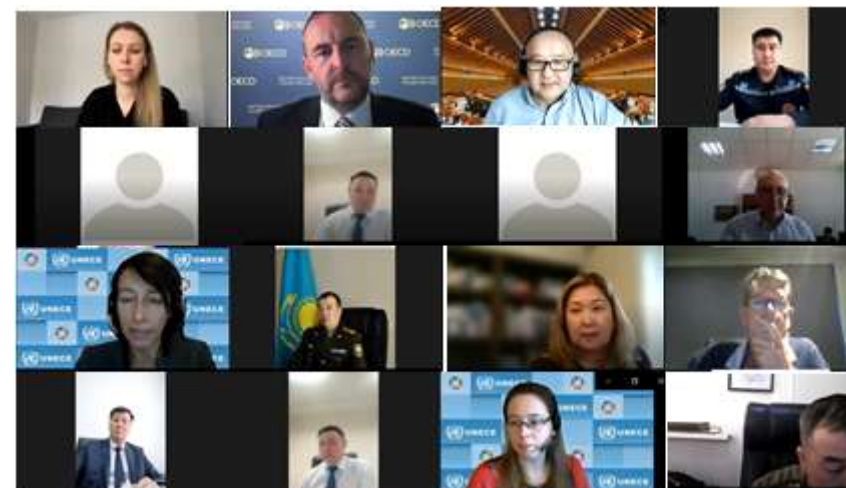


Progress achieved and further steps towards the implementation of the work plan of the Working Group on Tailings Safety and Prevention of Accidental Water Pollution in Kazakhstan

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- The working group was established by order of the Minister for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 20 dated January 21, 2022.
- Working group members: representatives of national authorities, operators, international organizations, NGOs, academia and other interested parties
- Objectives:
 - Ensure a sustainable national mechanism for regular dialogue among stakeholders
 - Exchange of experience and best practices on the prevention of accidental water pollution and tailings safety
 - Consider issues related to man-made risks and risks associated with accidental water pollution, including transboundary risks and consequences, and recommend solutions to prevent accidental water pollution
 - Discussion and agreement on the necessary measures and ways to develop an agreed national position on transboundary cooperation
- February 11, 2022 - First meeting of the Working Group (online)



Work plan of the Working Group for 2022

№	Events	Deadlines	Responsible bodies
1	Update the self-assessment of compliance with the requirements of the Industrial Accidents Convention	June	MES, MEGNR
2	Organize and hold a workshop to study the guidance documents of the Industrial Accidents Convention, namely the online toolkit for strengthening TMF safety and the UNECE Safety Guidelines and Good Practices for Ensuring the Operational Safety of Tailings	July	MES, MEGNR Supported by the Secretariat of the Convention
3	Review and update of the inventory and map of tailings in Kazakhstan, including additional and inactive tailings	July	MES, MEGNR Supported by the Secretariat of the Convention
4	Development of proposals for conducting case studies on the tailings safety and prevention of accidental pollution of water bodies in Kazakhstan	July	MES, MEGNR
5	Update of the draft action plan for the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention in Kazakhstan	August	MES, MEGNR
6	Update of proposals for the implementation of the recommendations of the Environmental Performance Review of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe regarding the tailings safety and prevention of accidental pollution of water bodies in Kazakhstan, in particular with the integration of Natech risk reduction elements (natural disasters provoking man-made disasters)	September	MES, MEGNR
7	Hold the second meeting of the Working Group	4th quarter of 2022	MES, MEGNR