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Actions for prevention and response to pollution of the Syr Darya river in emergencies



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Governments of the riparian countries should ensure implementation of measures for REHABILITATION OF IDLE TMFs. Without appropriate action, risks of release of radioactive and toxic waste into rivers of the Syr Darya basin increase every day



CROSS-BORDER EXERCISES and development of a joint EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN, with accompanying development of standard operating procedures



DEVELOPMENT of a joint (or agreed) EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN for countries of the Syr Darya river basin, that would also help to prevent pollution of transboundary waters by hazardous substances



INVENTORY of all hazardous industrial facilities with radius of impacts of possible accidents covering the Syr Darya River, as well as traffic of hazardous goods over bridges located on the Syr Darya River, to assess possible pollution and develop measures to minimize damages





Awareness raising of TMFs operators, state inspectors, representatives of bodies in charge of industrial safety, the environment, and water management on possible shortcomings and violations in safety systems of TMFs and hazardous production facilities.

Convention



An additional analysis and harmonization of national legal frameworks in the sphere of industrial safety, environmental protection and other related issues (including disaster risk reduction) with requirements of the UNECE Convention, that would contribute to a more efficient application of its provisions.



In the sphere of land-use planning, all countries in the Syr Darya basin, in the course of decision-making on siting / modernization of hazardous industrial facilities, should also be guided by objectives of minimizing risks of spreading effects of possible accidents to neighboring countries, which is consistent with Article 7 of the Convention on Industrial Accidents, as well as in decision-making on expansion of human settlements or protected environmental areas



THE ROLE OF INTERSECTORAL INTERACTIONS