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Abbreviations and acronyms

AAS	Agricultural Advisory Services
AISP	Agricultural Investment and Services Project
AHE	Ameliorative Hydrogeological Expedition of DWRLI
APNIP	Agricultural Productivity and Nutrition Improvement Project
DSES	Department of Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision
DWRLI	Department of Water Resources and Land Improvement
E	Environment
EA	Environmental Assessment
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
IDA	International Development Association
ISF	Irrigation Service Fee
GPAFS	Global Program for Agricultural and Food Security
GWT	Groundwater table
KR	Kyrgyz Republic
OIP-2	Second On-farm Irrigation Project
OIP-2 AF	Additional Financing for OIP-2
O&M	Operation and maintenance
PIU	Project Implementation Unit
POL	Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants
RSU	WUA Rayon Support Unit
RVK	Rayon Irrigation Department (Rayvodkhoz)
SAEPF	State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry
SanPin	Sanitary Regulations and Rules
SETI	State Environmental and Technical Inspectorate
WBSMQRS	World Bank safety measures quality rating system
WUA	Water Users Association

Introduction

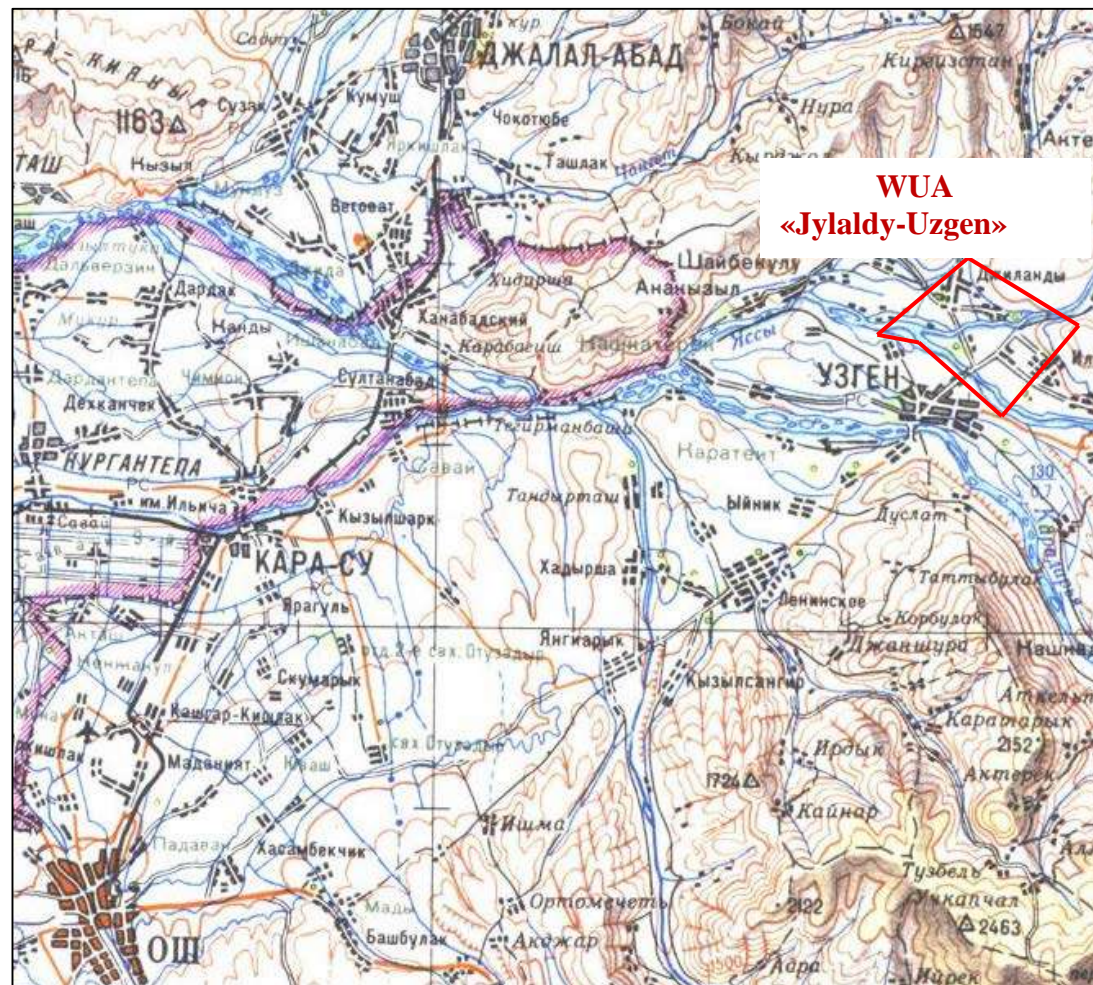
The Agricultural Productivity and Nutrition Improvement Project (APNIP) for the Kyrgyz Republic is being implemented by the International Development Association (IDA) and financed by the Trust Fund of the Global Program for Agricultural and Food Security (GPAFS).

Within APNIP framework the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) prepared that is aimed at ensuring that the Project complies with the principles and practices of environmental management and environmental protection policy and laws requirements of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as IDA policy on environmental safety interventions.

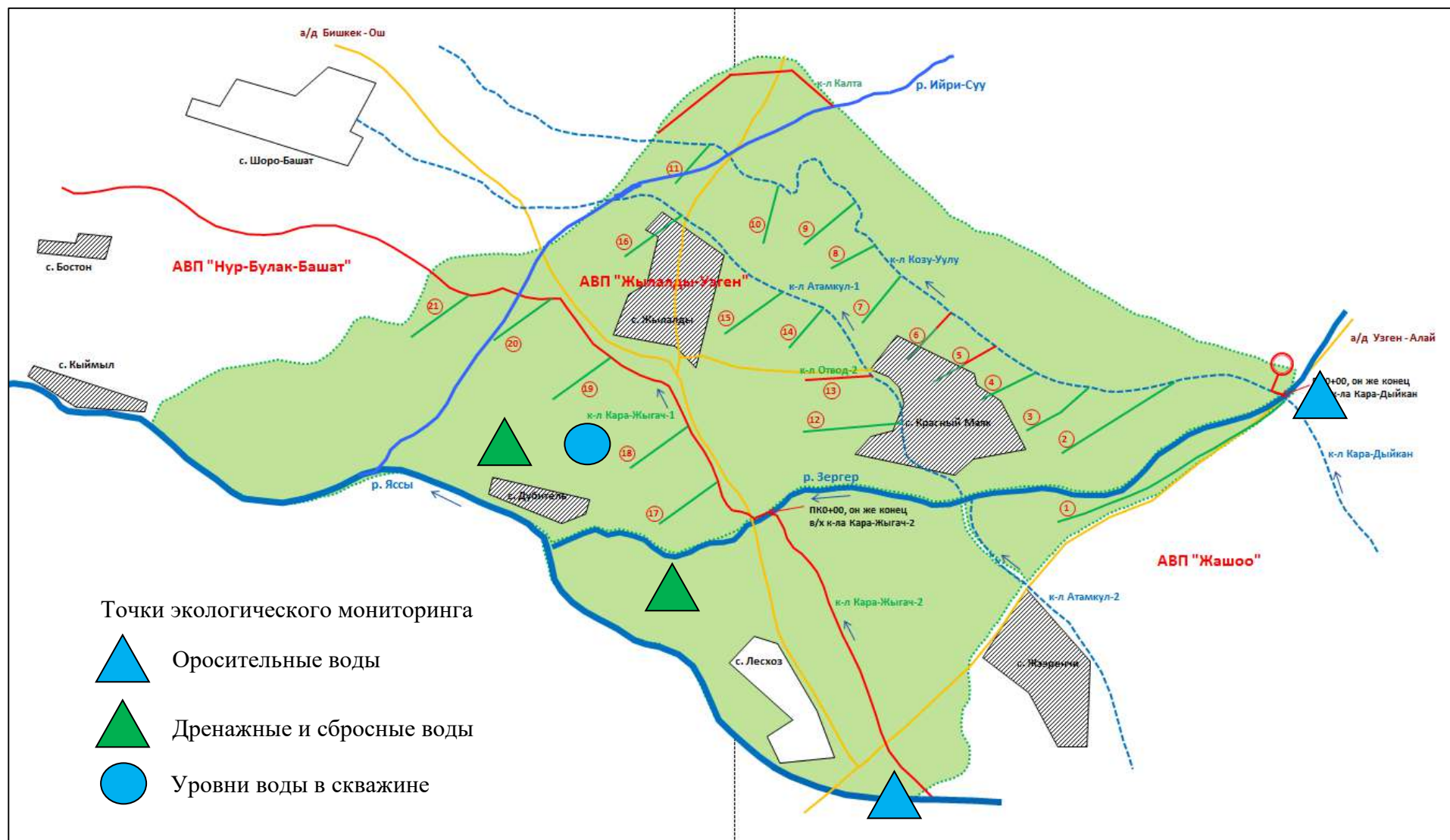
The environmental assessment (EA) goals are to identify the significant impact of the Project on surrounding environment (positive and negative), identify appropriate preventive and mitigation interventions aimed to minimize or eliminate any expected irreversible impacts. EMP serves as a management tool that ensures proper implementation of interventions to prevent and mitigate the environmental impact, as well as monitoring and institutional strengthening of recommended interventions while implementing the Project. EMP also establishes the necessary institutional obligations, proposes timing of the implementation of mentioned activities and cost estimates for their implementation within the Project's budget.

APNIP, in the World Bank environmental risks system, is classified as "B" category. No irreversible or significant impact on the surrounding environment is expected.

Based on the general EMP, the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP) for the rehabilitation of WUA "Jylaldy-Uzgen" has been developed, taking into consideration the specifics of this particular subproject.



Picture1. Overview map of WUA «Jylaldy-Uzgen»



Picture2. WUA «Jylaldy-Uzgen» irrigation network

1. Description of subproject rehabilitation

Location of WUA "Jylaldy-Uzgen" is on the Jylaldynskiy AO, Uzgen rayon, Osh oblast, 75.0 km off city Osh. WUA's service area 1037 ha, water abstraction from the off-farm canals Kozu-Uulu and Atamkul-1 (river system (r.s) Zerger), Kara-Dyikan and Atamkul-2 (r.s Yassy), as well as water abstraction from the river Zerger into on-farm canal Kara-Jygach1 and from river Ayassy into on-farm canal Kara-Jygach-2.

The off-farm canal Kozu-Uulu is on the balance of Uzgen RVK and river intake from the river Zerger, and also off-farm canal Kara-Dyikan. The canal was built in 1915, the total length of which is 23.0 km in earth-bed. The command area is 746 ha, the maximum throughput is 3.0 m³/s. The head structure's shutters in faulty state, vehicles transportation complicated due to the pipe crossings emergency condition. Water for WUA "Zhylaldy-Uzgen" (219 ha) and "Nur-Bulak-Bashat" (527 ha) is obtained from canal Kozu-Uulu.

Annually in the end of May and beginning of June, the water throughput in the r. Zerger decreases that is the reason why the Uzgen RVK provides water into canal Kozu-Uulu from the off-farm canal Kara-Dyikan, via river-bed Zerger that resulting in sufficient water filtration losses by more than a half. The same, filtration losses, applies to all on-farm earth-bed canals, on which water distribution structures are in the state of emergency.

The water abstraction, on average, is 7725 thousand m³, the irrigation network throughput is 0.62, resulting in 4789.5 th.m³ only delivered to the farmers. After the rehabilitation completed, the throughput value expected to rise up to 0.80 and, accordingly, the volume of water delivery will rise up to 6566 th.m³.

NSR and dams are not within WUA "Jylaldy-Uzgen" irrigation schemes, however, it owns on the territory a collector-drainage network with the total length 31.6 km.

Groundwater table is at 1-1.5 m depth. So, some risk of water-logging can be a serious problem if crop irrigation regime is not enforced. Due to this, EMP provides groundwater level monitoring for both construction and operation periods of the network.

2. Description of interventions executed within subproject

After WUA "Zhylaldy-Uzgen" rehabilitation of canals and structures completed it is expected that adequate water volumes will be delivered on irrigated areas, in accordance with the irrigation regime.

In order to reduce water filtration losses, the subproject planned:

- lining with monolithic concrete 1305 l.m;
- construction of 2 head cross regulators, 28 water outlets, 16 hydroposts, 10 pipe crossings, 1 inverted syphons and 1 tail-end regulator.

Water reservoirs, dams and dikes rehabilitation is not planned. Therefore, the dams safety policy (OP 4.37) is not applicable.

The application of the WB's policy OP4.12 (*Involuntary Resettlement*) is not required, since all works will be carried out within the existing irrigation system, without constructing additional facilities that capture lands of an individual landowner and land-user, which could require additional coordination and relocation.

Construction and rehabilitation works deadline: years 2018-2019

3. Description of the environmental parameters at the site

3.1. Climatic conditions

Climate is dry continental with extensive frost-free period. The summer is warm (average T°C in July + 24 + 27; maximum around + 40°C), relatively soft winter (average T°C in January -2, -3 °C). The annual precipitation - up to 500 mm.

The rayon's climatic specifications are introduced in accordance with the meteo-station "Uzgen" data and indicative with a hot extended summer and short moderately cold winter:

Average annual air T°	+11,1°
Average annual air T° during a vegetation period	+21,6°
Absolute maximum air T°	+39,0°
Absolute minimum air T°	-26,0°
Average T° of the hottest month	+31,0°
Volume of annual precipitations	584 mm
Maximum daily precipitation	40 mm
Weight of snow cover per 1 m ² of horizontal surface	75,0 kgs/m ²
Maximum height of snow cover	89 sm
Maximum soil freezing depth	60 sm
Average depth of soil freezing	28 sm
Average wind speed at 10 m height from earth surface	18,0 m/s
Wind speed ratio	1,0 m/s

3.2. Landscape

The current landscape nature of WUA "Jylaldy-Uzgen" relates to the south Ferghana branch of the Tien Shan ridge. The surface nature of WUA "Jylaldy-Uzgen" lands there is a geomorphological zone of piedmont plains, which is genetically associated with erosion-accumulative activity of rivers, streams and temporary canals. Absolute marks are in the range of 600-900 meters above sea level. The object located on the territory the general terrain slope of which is directed from north to south and is 0,00387-0,008. The canals' designed with a slope from the northeast to the southwest.

The area is at risk of water erosion in case of non-compliance of crop irrigation regimes and norms. Therefore, to prevent erosion processes, caused by irrigation of agricultural lands, it is necessary to use agro-ameliorative interventions aimed at preventing the soils impacted by water erosion. In the EMP these interventions are proposed for the period of water object/facility operation. (Re)construction works will not impact the lands of projected objects with erosion processes.

To prevent soil erosion during irrigation, the tail-end water discharge structures built on the existing irrigation network.

3.3. Hydrology

The main irrigation source for Jylaldy AA, Uzgen rayon, are rr. Yassy and Zerger. The r. Yassy is the right tributary of r. Kara-Dariya and starts from the southwest slope of Ferghana ridge. The river length is 122 km, water intake area 2620 km², and may tributaries of various length flow into the river. The main water source is melted snow and glaciers, rain precipitations. The water regime is indicative as spring-summer flood rivers (April-August). Average multiyear water flow is 34.80 m³/s.

The r. Zerger is the right tributary of r. Yassy, flowing from the southwestern slopes of the Fergana ridge. The length river is 56 km, catchment area is 365 km². There are 4 tributaries over 10 km in length and 9 small tributaries. The water regime indicative to the Altay type rivers. Flooding occurs in late March - early June. Average multiyear water consumption is 2.88 m³/s¹.

In the surrounding areas there are no entities that discharge hazardous chemicals, pesticides and sewage into the source of irrigation, and that may endanger surrounding environment.

¹ Ramazan M.S: Certain distinctive features of hydrological regime and hydrotechnical classification of rivers in Kirghizia.

3.4. Geo-engineering conditions

The geo-lithological structure along WUA's on-farm canals is represented by alluvial-proluvial deposits. From the surface a thick layer of loesslike clay soils present - loams. Loams of light gray color, dry, macroporous, solid, with carbonate deposits inclusions. Ground thickness from 0,6 to 2,0 m. Below loams there are gravel soils.

The physical characteristics of loam are following:

• Natural weighed humidity	7,87%
• Unit weight	2,71 g/sm ³
• Volume weight	1,61 g/sm ³
• Volume weight of layer	1,49 g/sm ³
• Plastic index	9,2
• Maximum molecular capacity	15,79%
• Porosity ratio	0,815
• Filtration ratio -	0,4- 0,005 m/day.

The loam development difficulty belongs to II-building category. The standard pressure is up to 2.0 kg/cm² (SNiP IV-5-82). Gravel soil with sand aggregates up to 40% and pebble content up to 10%. The soil bulk weight is 1.85 t/m³. Due to the difficulty of manual development, gravel layer belongs to category III. The thickness of gravel layer is more than 10.0 m. The area seismicity is IX points².

3.5. Vegetation cover

Vegetation cover: agricrops, trees, grass cover.

The soil vegetation layer will not be disturbed, as (re)construction works will be executed on current water objects. Also vegetation layer will not be impacted, as all (re)construction works will be executed on existing water objects.

Agricultural areas remain unaffected, as all (re)construction works will be executed out their borders. In the process of canals rehabilitation, it is necessary to execute tree felling that hamper course of works and are in the alienation zone of water facilities/structures. According to the requirements of the Water Code of the Kyrgyz Republic, Art. 80 p.3, while executing repair and rehabilitation works, the shrubbery cutting and forest felling within the alienation zones of water management structures and canals, as well as sanitary cutting and deadwood cutting, do not require permission from specially authorized state agencies/bodies. Prior to commencement of work, the contractor will inform the environmental protection agency of forthcoming tree and shrub vegetation cutting to be conducted.

If rehabilitation works to-be-conducted on the sections that are not within alienation water management zones, then tree and shrubbery cutting is the subject to approval with authorized environmental protection agencies/bodies.

After rehab works completed, WUA members plan to plant trees to prevent wind erosion and considering access roads.

4. Description of procedures related to regular operation works

4.1. Technical supervision on canals and structures conditions

² Инженерно-геологические данные приведены из рабочей документации объекта "Реабилитация ирригационной системы АВП "Туштук-Алтын-Булак" Узгенского района Ошской области" (ОП "ВО-2")

In the operational scheme activities, paramount importance is paid to the timely conduct of preventive and rehabilitation works that exclude probability of system failure, while complying to the rules of its operation.

The main indicators of normal technical condition and reliable operation of the on-farm irrigation network are provision of designed canal's capacity, minimum filtration and performance specification water losses, absence of sedimentation, greenery overgrowing, collapse and canal's erosion.

If the actual canal's capacity corresponds to the estimated throughput, then the technical condition of a canal is good and considered as reliable. If there are 20 -25% throughput deviations, then a canal's reliability is reduced, and the technical condition is an average. If the deviations are more than 25%, then a canal's performance considered as unreliable and its technical condition is below the average.

To ensure a canal's throughput, it is necessary to conduct a careful monitoring over water regulating structures. The water volumes regulating structures must be easily and reliably (re)adjusted and controlled. While operating water regulating structures, it is necessary to ensure that there is no water leakage through the water outlet gates and no canals' erosion and destruction on its structural parts. The lined sections, expansion and construction joint sections of a canal are the subject of constant surveillance. The damaged lining must be reworked immediately. A canal's lined sections must be of monolithic concrete and maintenance must be timely to prevent cracking. A particular attention must be paid to subsiding soils, as concrete lining on those soils is prone to cracks formation.

A daily maintenance of lined and unlined canals, facilities and equipment located on them, keeping them in good condition is reduced to the removal of vegetation and floating objects that block canals and lead to sedimentation in certain areas. During the maintenance, works are carried out to clean up structures and water distribution units from debris and ice, vegetation overgrowth and sedimentation.

A slight and gradual canal's base degradation, sometimes, leads to the formation of cracks on the lining that impossible to rehabilitate. In this case, the cracked and battered lining sections are cut down and filled with new concrete.

The joint sections of a canal, with prefabricated reinforced concrete slabs, are the subject of particular attention. Constant surveillance of which is necessary and, if there any urgency, must be treated with resilient water resistant materials that can withstand a vegetation impact.

Within the flumes it is prohibited to dissolve various types of fertilizers that may cause destruction of concrete. It is also not recommended the flumes network operation if water flow temperature is below -5 - 10°C. Therefore, in the process of preparing the network for winter, the whole canal's route must be completely freed of water.

The livestock crossing and pasturing on canal's dams and slopes is prohibited. The livestock drinking and dipping allowed on special canal's section only.

To monitor the quality of irrigation water and prevent a canal's sedimentation, the water samples must be regularly inspected for the following indicators: turbidity, temperature, hydrogen index and mineralization.

4.2. Preparing on-farm network for the winter period

In the winter period, the on-farm irrigation network can be used for water charging irrigation, washing off and other types winter watering, as well as for supplying water to the residential areas and livestock farms, filling up reservoirs. Control over canals and structures operation, in the winter, should be paid particular attention, as to prevent formation of ice jams near bridges, crossings, etc. The trash racks that were set for the summer in front of water structures, must be removed for the winter. When frosts are formed and structures are covered with the ice, in this case the ice must be chipped without violating integrity of the structures and canal's coating.

4.3. Looking after wood lines and access roads

Forest plantations along canals are designed to protect the canals from vegetation overgrowing, lowering the level of groundwater along a canal's route and reducing the adverse effect of wind force on crops. Alongside of permanently located canals of the farm network that require constant desilting interventions, it is recommended to create, on the one side two-row or three-row strips of fast-growing trees and shrubs. The distances between trees in the strip is 1-3 m, between bushes - 0.75 - 1 m with a distance between greenery strips of 1.5 - 3 m.

The field and on-farm roads on irrigated area, as a rule, are ground roads. If they pass through silty loams and solonchaks, then a road is made of gravel or other coating. Roads maintenance is limited to keeping the upper layer in good condition. The thickness of gravel coated roads is maintained within 8 - 10 cm. The roadbed condition is also the subject of maintenance and must be periodically planned and compacted. Roadside cuvettes and canals must be cleaned of dirt and vegetation. To improve the water flow into cuvettes, the roadways must be made with slopes and with a slight lateral inclination from the middle to the cuvettes.

4.4. Repair works

The irrigation schemes are subject to repair works according to the annually developed and approved plans. In the practice of irrigation and drainage systems operation the current, major and emergency repair works are executed.

The current repair works carried out annually including desilting of canals, removal of vegetation, strengthening and widening dams, cleaning berms, eliminating small landslides, collapses, rifts and sandspits, repairing damaged anchorages and canals' lining, repairing small damages of a structure parts. While carrying out current repair works, a complex technical repair works and modifying a structural construction is not included. The preventive (prophylactic) repair works include:

- Patching ratholes;
- Structural cracks maintenance after ice impact;
- Tightening fixing bolts;
- Drainage structures winterization etc.

Preventive repair and a significant part of the current repair, including desilting of canals, vegetation and landslides removal, a minor canal repairs, repair of structures, buildings and other devices are performed annually without stopping the system operation.

Major repair is carried out, as required, within a few years' period and includes: repair works on a canal's sections, dams and parts of structures attritions and destructions, structural modification or replacement of certain elements and structural units.

Emergency repair - rehabilitation of canals, dams and structures or parts of them, destroyed as a result of natural phenomena (mudslides, floods, etc.), or violations of the technical operation rules, execution of which carried out 24/7, and all available material and technical resources and labor resources are mobilized for their implementation.

Repair and construction works on the on-farm network canals performed by WUAs contracting a construction company. Repair works expenses and operation of the on-farm network are annually provided by WUA budget.

4.5. Desilting of canals and vegetation removal

The solid particles of soil form sedimentation that moved around by water flow. The content of solid particles, per water volume unit, characterizes the water flow saturation with sediments, or its turbidity. Sediments, often, are formed as a result of soil wash-away in the catchment basin via snow/glaciers melting and rain waters. Partly the sedimentation is a product

of a canal/river bed and banks erosion. The largest bed's sedimentation with pebbles and coarse sand observed and remain within the head section of a bulk water supply canal. The average sized sediment particles washed into a canal's distribution network and even into on-farm irrigation network.

On average, about 80% of sediments remains in the off-farm canals network and about 20% inflows into on-farm irrigation network. A canal's inclination impacts on sedimentation process, if an inclination is too steep then about 60% of sediments washed in on-farm network and fields. Desilting executed on annual basis and, if necessary, more often.

5. Environmental impact

Implementation of APNIP is addressed to provide economic, social and environmental benefits to farmers, farmer entities and local communities through WUA's development, the rehabilitation and modernization of irrigation and drainage infrastructures in projected areas. The best practices of previous projects demonstrate positive impacts on the environment. In fact, many positive impacts of the projects have been identified during the environmental assessment. Namely, this project is aimed at reducing water losses in irrigation schemes, improving water resources management, improving agricultural productivity and improving soil fertility.

During the canals' rehabilitation process, the trees felling and shrubbery vegetation removal required, which is subject to approval with environmental protection authorities. Design and engineering works require strict compliance to the necessary requirements, including noise control, planting new trees to protect against wind erosion and construction of access roads, air pollution and timely construction waste disposal.

The requirements for the prevention of environmental pollution and negative impact on the population are provided for in the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "General Technical Regulations for Ensuring Environmental Safety in the Kyrgyz Republic", the Law "On Production and Consumption Wastes", the Law "On Protection of Atmospheric Air", SanPin "Noise in the workplaces, in premises of residential, public buildings and on the territory of residential buildings" the Governmental decree of the KR, dated 11/04/2016. №201,

5.1. Expected positive environmental impact

The positive impact consists of:

- Water losses reduction;
- Improved water resources management, consisting of construction and rehabilitation of water distribution and water-metering structures;
- Agricultural productivity increase;
- Improved soil fertility by increasing humus while applying an efficient irrigation schedules.

5.2. Potential negative environmental impact

At the same time, while carrying out irrigation network reconstruction works, there may be some potentially negative impacts on environmental protection conditions in the projected areas and require attention, preventive actions and appropriate mitigation measures during planning, development, construction, operation and maintenance.

While performing the planned irrigation networks rehabilitation works, no asbestos-containing materials will be used. It is necessary to mention that previously asbestos cement pipe crossings were used. But they were replaced with structures of more inert materials and, at the moment, problems with asbestos-containing materials are not expected. In the event of removal of asbestos cement pipes asbestos contained materials waste will be collected, transported and finally

disposed by applying special protective measures in accordance with the hazardous waste handling standards. See Section 10 for detailed information on disposal of asbestos-containing materials.

The potential negative impacts are relatively minor, and positive economic, social and environmental benefits far outweigh them in environmental assessment. Consideration of these impacts is given below.

5.3. Climate change impact

The irrigation and drainage schemes rehabilitation will enhance the agriculture and farming practices, materially-technical procurement, land owning, pastures and water management that will lead to productivity increase and adaptation to climate change and sustainable use of natural resources.

Table 1. Assessment and ranking of environmental risks

Activities	Impact	Type	Duration	Term	Degree	Risk	Reversibility	Probability
Construction phase								
Construction site location	Soil contamination at a construction site as a result of storage, construction and household waste, including liquid wastes.	direct	short-term	immediate	low	low	reversible	average
	surface water and ground water contamination at a construction site, as a result of storage of construction and household waste, including liquid waste	direct	short-term	immediate or delayed	low	low	reversible	low
Unloading of excavated soil and construction waste	landscape and animals' natural habitat degradation, local drainage scheme alteration	direct	mid-term	immediate	low	low	reversible	average
Transportation of building materials, use of heavy machinery	air contamination and noise impacting local residents/workers during traffic of vehicles and heavy machinery	direct	mid-term	immediate	low	average	reversible	high
canals rehabilitation	Damage and trees felling and shrubbery currying	direct	long term	immediate	high	low	reversible	high
Operation and maintenance phase								
earth-bed canals cleaning while in operation	landscape and animals' natural habitat degradation, local drainage scheme alteration	direct	mid-term	immediate	low	low	reversible	average
increase in irrigation water supply, which increases the volumes of waste water	surface water pollution with agrochemicals, as a result of excessive application of pesticides and mineral fertilizers	indirect	mid-term	delayed	moderate	moderate	reversible	average
increase in irrigation water supply that increases the	ground water pollution with agrochemicals, as a result of	indirect	long-term	delayed	moderate	moderate	reversible	average

surface water filtration till the groundwater level	excessive application of pesticides and mineral fertilizers							
increase in irrigation water supply that leads to water speed increase	soil erosion, related to existing agricultural production practices	indirect	long-term	delayed	moderate	moderate	reversible	low

6. Environmental management and monitoring plan

All the construction phase risks are easily monitored and eliminated. They can be minimized by properly designing mitigation measures and monitoring the Contractor, while executing works. During the (re)construction works, trees felling and shrubbery cutting in a canal's alienation zone will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Water Code (Article 80, para. 3.) and in agreement with the specially authorized environmental protection agency/body.

Among the O&M risks, the risk of landscape and animals' natural habitat degradation, while cleaning earth-bed canals and drains, is clear and easily controlled. In case of suspected contamination of surface and groundwater by agrochemicals, due to excessive use of pesticides and mineral fertilizers, soil erosion associated with existing practices of agricultural production, increasing groundwater table, in the zone of their deep occurrence due to excessive irrigation and, as a consequence, soil salinization, an accredited laboratory will be mobilized for special monitoring.

Table 2: Mitigation plan

Phase	Issue	Preventive/ Mitigation interventions	Cost, US \$		Institutional responsibility		Control
			installation	operation	installation	operation	
Construction	organizing a construction site	1) It is forbidden to locate a construction site in the water protection zones of rivers and canals; 2) Ensure removal of all waste and construction rubble from (re) construction sites to dispose on the authorized municipal landfills, with the permission of local authorities; 3) Execute planning and restoration measures to restore troubled lands during and after completing (re)construction	n/a	part of the (re)construction works contract 360802	PIU/Contractor	Contractor	1) A Contractor bears responsibility to execute environmental mitigation interventions; 2) A construction site inspections made by PIU; 3) State Ecological Inspectorate
	soil after a canal's cleaning	conduct a planned rehab works	n/a		PIU/Contractor	Contractor	1) A Contractor bears responsibility to execute environmental mitigation interventions; 2) A construction site inspections made by PIU; 3) State Ecological Inspectorate
	trees and shrubbery vegetation	Coordination with the specially authorized environmental protection agency/body cutting greenery plantations	n/a	part of the (re)construction works contract	PIU/Contractor	Contractor	1) A Contractor bears responsibility to execute environmental mitigation interventions; 2) A construction site inspections made by PIU; 3) State Ecological Inspectorate
	vehicular emissions	1) vehicular exhaust systems and	n/a	part of the	PIU/Contractor	Contractor	1) A Contractor bears

	into the atmosphere	<p>construction equipment should be in good condition, in order to minimize air pollution;</p> <p>2) Limiting the speed of vehicles and selecting suitable transportation routes to minimize dust emissions;</p> <p>3) Moisturizing the road surface while driving through the residential area territories</p>		(re)construction works contract			<p>responsibility to execute environmental mitigation interventions;</p> <p>2) A construction site inspections made by PIU;</p> <p>3) State Ecological Inspectorate</p>
	noise impact within labor area	machinery and equipment operation	n/a	part of the (re)construction works contract	PIU/Contractor	Contractor	<p>1) A Contractor bears responsibility to execute environmental mitigation interventions;</p> <p>2) A construction site inspections made by PIU;</p> <p>3) State Ecological Inspectorate</p>
	Workers' and rural population health and safety	<p>1) construction sites will be equipped with information and designator boards concerning working regulations and requirements;</p> <p>2) easily accessible and complete first aid kit to treat an injury.</p> <p>3) ensuring personal protection equipment (helmets, protected shoes, gloves);</p> <p>4) limiting access to (re)construction sites, zones and equipment locations by local citizens.</p>	n/a	part of the (re)construction works contract	PIU/Contractor	Contractor	<p>1) A Contractor bears responsibility to execute environmental mitigation interventions;</p> <p>2) A construction site inspections made by PIU;</p> <p>3) State Ecological Inspectorate</p>

Operation	Threats to water quality due to salinity of soils caused by drainage	- training on water and soil use improvement; - visual monitoring (preventing waterlogging)	n/a	n/a	AAS/AISP	WUA members	RSU on-site inspection, approval and coordination with SETI
	Threats to water quality due to contamination by agrochemicals	- best practices on pesticides application, - application of agrochemicals in accordance with recommended norms, - preventing effluent water discharge into canals and surface water objects,	n/a	n/a	AAS/AISP	WUA members	RSU on-site inspection, approval and coordination with SETI
	Increase of soil erosion	- training on water use and soil science, - outreach campaign - rational use of irrigation water and applying water regimes in accordance with the irrigation requirements, - Arrangement of irrigation furrows on the lowest slope (cross-cut furrows); - shortened furrows length; - altering irrigation technology (sprinklers, drip irrigation)	n/a	n/a	AAS/AISP	WUA members	RSU on-site inspections
	Climate change impact	- education on environmental mitigation activities; - compliance of irrigation norms and regulations.	n/a	n/a	AAS/AISP	WUA members	DWRLI

Table 3. Environmental monitoring plan

Project Phase	Parameter	Location	Method/Equipment	Frequency	Objective	Costs		Responsibility	
						Organization	Performance	organization	performance
baseline	salinity, concentration of hydrogen ions (pH), water turbidity	Headworks and tail-end of irrigation scheme: r.s Zerger and Yassy, and waste water	Field equipment for parameters measurement	At the beginning, in the middle and at the end of vegetation season	Rehabilitation works and agricultural activities impact assessment	0	Insignificant	Samples selection RSU	water sampling and analysis
	level of ground water table	wells in the near surface ground water table	level indicator	monthly	assessment of impact on ground water table	0	insignificant	DWRLI	AHE
construction	Site-specific environmental management and monitoring plan	subprojects under rehabilitation	Visual inspection of subproject	Before, during and after completion of construction	Compliance with environmental protection measures	0	Insignificant	PIU/Contractor	PIU/Contractor
	Salinity, concentration of hydrogen ions, turbidity	Canals under rehabilitation, located upstream and downstream of the rehabilitation site	Field equipment for parameters measurement	At the beginning, in the middle and at the end of vegetation season	assessment of construction works impact	0	Insignificant	RSU	water sampling and analysis. Introduction of results to PIU
	Pollution of watercourses by petroleum, oil and lubricants	Selectively for subprojects when suspected of contamination. Downstream of rehabilitation subproject	Sample for laboratory analysis	During construction	Civil works impact assessment	0	100 USD	Contractor	Accredited laboratory Water sampling and analysis. Introduction of results to PIU
operation	Salinity in soil	Problematic sites	Sample of soil/analysis	Quarterly	Soil quality identification	0	300 USD	AHE	AHE

	level of ground water table	wells in the near surface ground water table	level indicator	monthly	assessment of impact on ground water table	0	insignificant	DWRLI	AHE
	Salinity, concentration of hydrogen ions, turbidity	Headworks of WUA's irrigation scheme, rivers Zerger and YAssy, WUA waste waters	Field equipment for parameters measurement	Before, during and after completion of construction	Civil works impact assessment	0	Insignificant	RSU	RSU

7. Legislative support

In the Kyrgyz Republic there are numerous laws on environmental protection, provisions and regulations, which address specific issues of environmental protection. Table 4 summarizes the legal regulations relevant to this project.

Table 4: Basic laws, provisions and resolutions

Legal authority	Legal mandate
Constitution (2010)	The state's ownership of natural resources, rights and duties of citizens.
Water Code of the Kyrgyz Republic (2005)	It identifies the state policy, legislative and institutional basics on water resources management and protection
Law on environmental protection (1999)	It identifies state policy on environmental protection, legislative and institutional basics on water resources management and environmental protection
Law "General technical regulation on ensuring environmental safety in the Kyrgyz Republic" (2009)	The Regulation determines the main provisions of technical regulation in the field of environmental safety and establishes general requirements for ensuring environmental safety while designing and implementing of interventions within economic and other types of production activities, storage, transportation and production disposal.
Law on environmental appraisal (1999)	It requires review of environmental protection issues (environmental appraisal) and prevents negative environmental impacts and human health as a result of economic and other activities
Law on specifically protected natural reservations (2011)	It establishes regulations for specially protected natural areas, various types and/or levels of economic activity.
Law on protection of atmosphere (1999)	It regulates emissions to atmosphere and specific obligations on protection of atmosphere
SanPin "Noise in the workplaces, in premises of residential, public buildings and on the territory of residential buildings" the Governmental decree of the KR, dated 11/04/2016. №201,	Establish sanitary-epidemiological requirements, standardized parameters and maximum permissible noise levels at (re)construction sites, noise classification, permissible noise levels in the projected rooms, (re)construction sites, (re)constructed and operated residential, public buildings and on the territory of residential buildings.
the GovKR. Provision No.224 of 03/05/2013. "On approval of fees for calculating the amount of penalties for damages caused to objects of animal and plant life, mumijo-containing mineral materials and mushrooms by legal entities and individuals"	Fees designed to ensure preservation of biodiversity, proper protection of flora and fauna

The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic ratified a series of international conventions on environmental protection and agreements, related to this project:

- Convention on environmental impact assessment of the transboundary territories Espoo(2001);
- Agreement on cooperation in environmental protection and efficient use of natural resources (Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan) (1998),

- Convention on wetlands, representing international importance for the main habitat for waterfowls (Ramsar Convention) (2002);
- Convention on right to use international watercourses as transport routes (1997), Agreement on the use of water structures for interstate purposes on the Chu and Talas Rivers (Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan) (2000);
- the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (2000 г.);
- Kyoto Protocol (2003).

8. Public hearings

In accordance with Operational Procedures OP4.01.³ The WB has special requirements for information and public consultations disclosure. The disclosure includes presentation of information about the Project to the general public and population covered by the Project and other stakeholders, starting from earlier implementation cycle and throughout the framework. The information disclosure is intended to facilitate constructive interaction with the population covered by the Project and stakeholders throughout the Project's lifecycle.

In addition, the Kyrgyz Republic is a member of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, which also contains provisions for ensuring the disclosure of objectives and environmental considerations of the Project.

Public hearings in the WUA "Jylaldy-Uzgen" were held on November 24, 2017, in v. Jylaldy, Uzgen rayon, Osh oblast and 45 people took part in the public hearings: representatives of WUAs, local self-governing authorities, farmers, WUA's rayon support units, designers, PIU.

At public hearings, the information was provided concerning technical solutions of the Project and its environmental impact, as well as the interventions that would be taken to prevent and mitigate the impact.

Participants in the hearings were asked a number of questions, the activities for which are included in the EMP.

The minutes of the public hearings, list of participants and photos are attached.

³ Operational Guidelines of the World Bank: OG 4.01, "Environmental Assessment", point 3.

8.1. Minutes of public hearings

Minutes of public hearings in WUA “Jylaldy-Uzgen”, Uzgen rayon, Osh Oblast, on environmental issues, as part of the World Bank project "Agricultural Productivity and Nutrition Improvement"

v. Jyllaldy

November 24, 2017.

Attendees:

1. **Ajimatov. A.** – Engineering coordinator, APNIP(south) PIU;
2. **Neronova. T.** – National environmental consultant, PIU APNIP;
3. **Karpova. L.** – Design engineer, PIU APNIP;
4. **Anipaev. K.** – Design engineer, PIU APNIP;
5. **Tashbaev. R.** – Design engineer, PIU APNIP;
6. **Abdrazakov. B.** – Head of WUA OSU, Osh;
7. **Toktorbaev. S.** – Chief specialist RSU WUA, Uzgen rayon;
8. **Abdullaev. Y.** – Head of Jylaldy AA;
9. **Isaev. A.** - директор АВП "Жылалды-Узген".

Public hearings participants: water users, multiple farming representatives, farmers, WUA members. The shortlist of public hearings participants is attached.

Chairperson: WUA Council Chairperson Sagynbaev.E

Ajimatov A. Spoke about the Project «Agricultural Productivity and Nutrition Improvement» and on-farm rehabilitation works to be executed under it.

Неронова Т.И. – APNIP PIU environmental protection consultant has explained about the Kyrgyz Republic’s environmental legislation requirements and the World Bank's policy on environmental protection under the Project. The task of environmental assessment is to identify the Project’s significant impact on the environment (positive and negative), identify appropriate preventive measures and mitigation measures aimed at preventing, minimizing or eliminating any expected irreversible impact(s). The experience of previous projects shows the positive impact of the Project on the environment. In fact, many positive impacts of projects have been identified during the environmental assessment. Namely, this Project is aimed at reducing water losses in irrigation schemes, improving water management, improving agricultural productivity and improving soil fertility.

At the same time, while carrying out civil works on reconstruction of irrigation networks, there may be some potentially negative impacts on environmental protection conditions in projected areas that need attention, to accept preventive actions and appropriate mitigation measures during planning, development, construction, operation and maintenance.

- No asbestos-containing materials will be used for the planned rehabilitation of irrigation networks, noting that previously asbestos-cement pipe crossings were used. But even in the past years they were dismantled and replaced with structures of more inert materials. Thus, no problems with asbestos-containing materials are expected.
- Potentially negative impacts are relatively small and positive economic, social and environmental benefits far outweigh them in environmental assessment. Consideration of these impacts is given below.

The main impact that can be seen as a result of the civil works:

- 1) Soil pollution on construction site.
- 2) Groundwater pollution on construction site.
- 3) Deterioration of the landscape, destruction of the natural habitat of the animal world, changing the local drainage network.
- 4) Air pollution and impact on workers/population during traffic and heavy equipment operation.

Site specific EMP is composed for each of the rehabilitation subproject to prevent or mitigate the negative impact of the construction works. It includes a mitigation and monitoring plan, both for the construction phase, and for the O&M phase.

All the risks of the construction phase are easily controlled and eliminated. They can be minimized by properly designing mitigation measures and controlling the Contractor, while carrying out the works.

Among the risks of operation and maintenance phase (O&M), the risk of degradation of the landscape and destruction of the natural habitat of the animal world, while cleaning unlined canals and drains is obvious and easily controlled. The risks of pollution of surface waters and groundwater by agrochemicals, due to excessive use of pesticides and mineral fertilizers, soil erosion, associated with existing practices of agricultural production, groundwater table rising in the shallow zone due to excessive irrigation and, as a consequence, salinization of soils, require special monitoring. The need for mitigating measures at the stage of O&M is determined precisely during the process of environmental monitoring.

Questions:

Mamytova M. Construction and household wastes, where it will be located after construction works completed?

Neronova T. – Construction and household waste will be disposed by the contractor to the places agreed with the local government. Construction waste can be reused, which subject for use.

Asanbekov A. Do we need to get permission to cut green plantations if they are in the alienation zone?

Neronova T. – If such issue arises during the works progress and if greenery are located beyond the alienation zone, then WUA need to prepare a letter to the Osh Oblast Environmental Protection Agency and they will coordinate the tree surgery.

Toktorbaev B. Will there be a monitoring of water in the canal during construction works?

Neronova T. – Monitoring will be conducted by the WUA rayon support unit at the monitoring points, which will be specified in the EMP. Also, monitoring will be conducted continuously during the operation: Mineralization, concentration of hydrogen ions (pH), turbidity of water.

Isaev A. Whether construction works impact on agricultural lands?

Neronova T. Construction works will not have a negative impact on agricultural lands during construction. Potential soil contamination is possible locally at the working place from leaks of fuel and lubricants, violations of wastes storage rules. The EMP contains interventions to prevent environmental pollution, including soil.

Abdullaev Y. – Who is responsible for ecological control during construction works?

Neronova T. – **The** Subcontractor is responsible for following the EMP requirements and must to assign a person responsible for controlling surrounding environment legislation. Also technical inspectorate of the PIU will monitor the construction sites. The State Technical and Ecological Inspectorate is in charge to control on the state level.

In conclusion, all participants have supported the implementation of this project.

Chairman of the WUA Council, on behalf of all attendees has expressed his gratitude for the support and information provided.

Chair person

E. Saynbaev

National Environmental protection consultant

Neronova T.

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8. Picture of canal in the existing condition



Picture 1. Public hearing in village Jylaldy. 24 November, 2017



Picture 2. Public hearing in village Jylaldy, 24 November, 2017



Picture 3. Kara-Jygach canal, 23 October, 2014



Picture 4. Atamkul canal, 23 October, 2014



Picture 5. Water distribution point on canal Atamkul, 24 November, 2017

10. Collection, storage, transportation and disposal of asbestos-containing wastes.

Removal of materials that contain asbestos will be carried out in line with the local legislation, including construction standards, work safety issues, air borne emissions of hazardous pollutants and disposal of waste and hazardous waste (in the event that there is no local legislation, the Directive 2003/18/EC of the European Parliament will be used, that amends and supplements Directive of the Council 83/477/EEC on worker protection from workplace asbestos exposure risks: threshold values of airborne dust particles is 0.1 fiber/cm³; also use the Good Practice Note: Asbestos: Health Issues at Workplace and Community; World Bank). Asbestos materials shall be subject to immediate final disposal/burial under special conditions.

According to Order #885 of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic *On Hazardous Waste Management in the Kyrgyz Republic* of December 28, 2015, asbestos-containing wastes should be disposed as follows.

The hazardous waste management process (waste lifecycle) consists of the following phases: generation, accumulation (collection, temporary storage, stockpiling), transportation, neutralization, recycling, reuse of recycled products, and disposal.

When asbestos is present at a project site, it should be clearly labeled as a hazardous material. Asbestos-containing materials should not be subject to cutting or breaking as this will result in dust generation. In reconstruction, all workers should avoid crushing/damaging asbestos-containing waste, stockpile such waste at designated locations within the construction site and dispose of it properly afterwards to a special location or landfill.

When asbestos-containing waste is subject to temporary on-site storage, they should be properly contained in leak-tight containers and labeled appropriately as a hazardous material. Safety precautions should be taken to prevent any unauthorized removal of such waste from the site.

10.1. Collection and temporary storage of waste

Asbestos waste generation should be minimized by using efficient technologies.

All asbestos-containing materials should be handled and disposed by qualified and experienced personnel only. The personnel should wear appropriate protective equipment (safety masks, gloves and overalls).

The amount of waste stored at the designated site must not be greater than permitted by the standards.

Industrial waste collection sites and access ways must not be blocked up.

When handling asbestos waste, the workers should necessarily wear special protective clothing, gloves and respirators. Prior to removing (if required) asbestos from the site, it should be treated with a wetting agent to minimize asbestos dust emission. Removed asbestos should never be reused.

Keeping foreign items, individual or working clothes, or personal protection equipment, or having meals at waste collection sites is not allowed.

During handling operations, workers must comply with applicable handling requirements and general safety rules. All operations should be carried out mechanically, using labor-saving lifting and transport equipment.

Hazardous wastes should be transported to the landfills by properly equipped vehicles, either own or of a specialized third party carrier. The transport vehicles should be constructed and used in a manner that prevents potential incidents, losses and environmental pollution both on the way to the landfill and when transferring waste from one vehicle to another. All activities that involve loading, transportation and unloading of waste at main and auxiliary sites should be mechanized and use leak-tight equipment. Opening hazardous waste containers during transportation is prohibited.

Solid and dusty wastes should be transported in special containers or containers fitted with gripping devices for unloading by truck cranes. Transporting unpacked asbestos in open trucks or on flat wagons is not allowed.

Using hooks and other sharp tools in handling operations is not allowed.

No one except the driver and staff members authorized to escort the waste off site is allowed to be in vehicles transporting hazardous waste. The drivers of vehicles that will transport asbestos waste must be trained in safe transport requirements.

All operations in connection with loading, transport, unloading and disposal of waste must be mechanized. The waste must be transported in a way to prevent transportation losses and environmental impacts.

10.2. Disposal of asbestos waste

Asbestos waste must be disposed to landfills for municipal solid waste or unrecycled industrial solid waste.