

Monthly press review in the field of IWRM in Central Asia: November 2013

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| Kazakhstan | | |
| 12.11.13 | According to Presidential decree, Nurlan Kapparov appointed as a Minister of Environment and Water Resources | Today.kz |
| 18.11.13 | Koksarai dam saves 51 thousand people from flood problems, but also provides additional three cubic meters of water for irrigation, reports Ministry of Extreme Situation of RK. | Nomad |
| 19.11.13 | Under the program "AkBulak" exploration must be transferred to local executive bodies, offers Ministry of Regional Development of RK. | Meta.kz |
| 19.11.13 | To effectively meet the challenges of providing water to rural areas of the country the Ministry of Regional Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan proposes to create a single operator to manage water supply and sanitation. | Meta.kz |
| 20.11.13 | In Almaty dam safety in Central Asia was discussed with the participation of representatives of all the countries in the region. The need for joint problem solving is dictated by several factors: wear facilities lack proper control over their condition, changes in the system of water use in the region. | Zakon.kz |
| 21.11.13 | Water inspectors in the regions of Kazakhstan are being taught of implementation of "green" technologies. In short educational courses take part heads of subordinate enterprises of Water Resources Committee, Ministry of Environment and Water Resources. | Inform |
| 25.11.13 | In Almaty, the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding. Memorandum may have great importance for the development of areas such as transport, energy, water resources, sharing knowledge, experience, etc. | Zakon.kz |
| Kyrgyzstan | | |
| 13.11.13 | Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic predicts the completion of construction of all stations of Upper-Naryn HPP cascade for 2019. | Akipress |
| 13.11.13 | Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic is searching for funds to purchase a second hydraulic unit for Kambar-Ata-2 HPP, which costs about \$ 120 million. | PerhyM |
| 15.11.13 | Official Parliamentary Delegation of Kyrgyzstan 1-10 November visited Scotland under study tour aimed at studying international experience in water resources management. | Vecherniy Bishkek |
| 16.11.13 | Volume of water in Toktogul reservoir for the year fell by more than 1 billion cubic meters in effect of irrational use of energy, reports Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic. | Knews.kg |
| 22.11.13 | In Brussels, on November 21, a meeting of the Cooperation Council between the EU and Kyrgyzstan was held. Topic of discussion was the progress in the implementation of the EU Strategy for Central Asia, as well as political and economic reforms in Kyrgyzstan. Much attention was paid to regional cooperation in the field of security, energy and water resources. | NR2.ru |
| Tajikistan | | |
| 15.11.13 | At the initiative of the OSCE Office in Tajikistan group of experts assessed the socio-economic development of areas where there are small HPP, as well as the hydrological potential of the rivers of Rasht. On the basis of research results, local authorities were provided with recommendations to | Avesta |

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| | improve the socio-economic situation in the region. | |
| 21.11.13 | According to new structure of government approved by Emomali Rahmon, the Ministry of Energy and Industry was divided into two departments: the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies and the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan. Emomali Rahmon dismissed the Minister of Energy and Industry of Tajikistan Sherali Gul. Former Acting Director of state institutions "Project Management Center of the electricity center" Usmonali Usmanov was appointed as Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan. | Asia-Plus |
| 21.11.13 | In Dushanbe Regional Conference on "limited natural resources - limit economic growth in the Central Asian region?" Organized by the German DAAD was held. Doctoral student of Free University (Berlin) Marhabo Edaliev in her speech noted the high need for interstate water cooperation, having isolated the water-energy interactions of the political issues. | Asia-Plus |
| Uzbekistan | | |
| 08.11.13 | State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Nature Protection, Environmental Movement of Uzbekistan and the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Reclamation held a press conference devoted to the problems of water resources management in the region, the activities undertaken in the country to further improve water management and measures to address existing problems. | Anons.uz |
| 12.11.13 | In Uzbekistan have come into force new terms of payment for the services of heat and water (hot and cold water). Heat supply for juridical entities that do not have heat meters, will now be carried in double tariff (except for those that are located in apartment buildings). And individuals who have not yet installed water meters, will now pay "using a multiplying coefficient of 1.5k to set tariffs" on service of hot and cold water. | Ferghana.news |
| 18.11.13 | Within a joint project of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources and the United Nations Development Programme "IWRM and Water Efficiency Plan for Zarafshan River Basin" held a round table with the participation of an interagency working group, representing all key ministries and departments of Uzbekistan, as well as leading water experts. The event was presented to discuss the concept and structure of the new projects to develop national IWRM Plan. | Anons.uz |
| Turkmenistan | | |
| 18.11.13 | On the territory of the Balkan oblast, located in the western part of Turkmenistan, cotton will not be cultivated anymore. Reason for this decision was the low productivity of cotton, which is only about 10 quintals per hectare, giving a total of approximately 5000 tons of cotton per year. From next year on these areas will begin to grow other crops. First of all, we grain, melons and fodder crops. | VremyaVostoka |

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