Chemical Safety Issues in Georgia

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Main Stakeholder State Agencies

• Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection
• Ministry of Internal Affairs (Emergency Management Department)
• Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
• Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Affairs
• Crisis Management Council
Legislative framework

• Law on environment protection, 10.12.96
• Law on atmospheric air protection, 22.06.99
• Law on water, 17.10.97
• Law on “Civil Safety” 29.09. 2014
• Presidential Decree -National Response Plan on emergency situation management (Responding to chemical and radiological emergencies). 2015
• Waste Management Code - 2015
Last Developments

• Georgia’s Threat Assessment Document

• By the decree of the Prime Minister an interagency working group on elaboration of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) National Strategy (approved in 2014)

• Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) National Action Plan (2015-2020)
  • Draft Law on Chemicals Management
  • Draft Law on Seveso III directive
  • Ratification of UNECE TEIA convention

• EU AA Road Map – Chapter on Environment Protection
  • Draft Law / By-Law on Classification, Labeling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (To be implemented by 01.09.2020 for substances and by 01.09.2021 for mixtures (requirement of Art. 4 of EU Regulation)
  • Seveso III - 2018
  • IED Industrial Emissions Directive (IPPC) - 2018
  • Environmental Liability 2017
  • EIA 2017
CBRN action plan 2015-2019

• Based on following structure:

- Prevention
- Detection
- Preparedness
- Response

- Chemicals management includes industrial hazards, prevention (legislation), monitoring, identification of hazardous threats (mapping), assessment, remediation and recovery;

- Capacity building: Institutional and human resources
On-going activities

- Project “Capacity Building in the Major Accident Prevention in Georgia” (2014-2016) supported by Czech Development Cooperation Agency

- Development of Draft law on Major Accident Prevention (harmonization of Seveso III Directive)

- EU-Georgia Twining project on EID (IPPC) and Seveso III (July, 2017-2019)
  - Legislation drafting-revision, support for approval;
  - Capacity Building of the MoE-staff, Environmental Supervision Department (Inspectorate)
  - Development of Data-base on Seveso III in the MoE
Priorities

• Development of national legislation on Chemicals according to EU association agreement and International conventions

• Increase capacity for SevesoIII enforcement in the governmental Institutions and in the Industry

• Provide detailed study of chemical Industry and issue recommendation for improvement of technology

• Recovery of hazardous sites
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