

## REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Currently applied legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan on environment protection provides for a necessity of obtaining by the right holder (a holder of property, which is subject to environmental protection regulations) of a number of authorization documents, including (without limitation):

### 1. Ecological Certification

Usage of raw materials, introduction of technologies and release of finished products without *ecological or hygienic certificates* as well as with deviations from the required parameters is prohibited. A list of products, as well as imported and exported goods requiring obligatory ecological examination is determined by the legislation.

For example, according to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On wastes", wastes being an object of sale-purchase, export-import transactions and dangerous wastes being subject to transportation also must go through ecological certification of compliance with sanitary norms and rules, ecological standards in handling wastes, upon the results of which the wastes owners shall be issued an *ecological certificate*. The order of ecological certification of wastes is established by the legislation.

### 2. Ecological Expertise

According to the legislation, the *state ecological expertise is mandatory for the functioning enterprises and other objects with negative impact on environment and citizens' health*. The procedure of ecological expertise and the list of enterprises which are subject to mandatory state ecological expertise is determined by the legislation.

### 3. Permit for polluting emissions to the atmosphere

*Permit for polluting emissions to the atmosphere by stationary sources* is issued on the basis of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On protection of atmospheric air". According to Article 11 of the Law, polluting emissions to the atmosphere by stationary sources of pollution is allowed on the grounds of permits issued by the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Environmental Protection.

### 4. Standards of maximum permissible polluting emissions to atmospheric air

According to Article 8 of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On protection of atmospheric air", *standards of maximum permissible polluting emissions to atmospheric air that are produced by enterprises shall be approved by the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Environmental Protection and determine for each stationary source on each polluting substance*. The indicated standards are developed in accordance with the legislation.

### 5. Permit for special water use

*Permit to special water use* is issued on the basis of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On water and water use", according to Articles 26 and 27 of which, water objects are presented for separate use under mandatory registration of permit

to special water use issued by the organs of the State Committee on Nature Protection. Such permits by the State Committee on Nature Protection in relation to water consumption from surface sources shall be issued on the basis of the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources in relation to, whereas in relation to consumption of underground water sources permits shall be issued on the basis of recommendations of the Agency on Supervision of Safe Performance of Works in Industry and Mining Supervision and the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Geology and Mineral Resources.

The legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan also provides for obtaining permits for carrying out activity in special protected nature territories and other objects of nature, usage of sources of ionizing radiation, as well as activity on dangerous manufacturing objects.