

### Uzbekistan Nuclear legacy sites, project implementation experience and prospects for cooperation

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### Areography of former uranium mines (Yangiobad, Charkesar)



















### **SNFA disposal**



Spent nuclear fuel (only from highly enriched uranium), accumulated since the 80s of the twentieth century, was removed from the SNFA repositories to MAYAK (Russia) in 2006 and 2012 with the technical support of the IAEA, the European Union, the Argonne National Laboratory (USA).







### **SNF disposal**







#### From INPAS RUz





From "PHOTON" LC

### ИИН-3 Pulsed reactor













## The territory of the ИИН-3 nuclear reactor after decommissioning (February 2019)





### **Co-60** Gamma ray unit of INPAS RUz





Pool type Gamma ray unit Co-60 was put into operation in 1962

Schematic diagram of the Gamma ray unit Co-60



### **Repository of low-level radioactive waste**

- The repository was operated until the end of the 1980s.
- Was made of reinforced concrete: area 60 m2; depth – 5-6 m; wall thickness – 0.2 m; has 3 compartments, each of them is closed with a concrete slab of 0.2 m; all the top is closed with a single 0.2 m slab and metal frame and tin sheets roof.
- 19 barrels (9 m3) of waste were removed from the repository from May 24 to June 30, 2016





# Repository of highly active radioactive waste (block No. 34)



- Repository was built in 1969.
- Area 252 m2;
- Concreted block, wall thickness 40 cm, cement mortar and ferruginization within, waterproofing with hot bitumen outside.
- On the 2nd floor there are:
  - -12 wells with d=0.8 m;
  - 6 wells with d=0.35 m;
  - the depth of the wells is 4.8 m.
  - nothing has been buried in the wells since the late 1970s





### **Prospects for cooperation**



- Opportunities to participate in the rehabilitation and reclamation of the territory of the former uranium mines in Yangiabad and Charkesar;
- Cleaning of repositories of low-level and high-level waste from RW and their disposal to the RRBS;
- Removal of spent nuclear fuel from the repositories of the research reactor WWR-MC of the Institute of Nuclear Physics of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan;;
- Replacement of old Co-60 sources with new ones, increasing the power of the unit.



### **Thanks for your attention!**