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Its Protection, Use and Management”
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Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

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Section 1 Introduction

In support of the continued professional development of Central Asian scientists and policy-makers, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Environmental Policy and Technology Project (EPT) sponsored the participation of nine individuals in the third CIS-USA conference on hydrological and hydrogeological problems in environmental protection: "Water as a Critical Resource: It's Protection, Use and Management."

USAID sponsored participants included:

- A. Kenshimov, Member of EPT Working Committee (Kazakstan)
- K. Bosov, Member of EPT Working Committee (Kyrgyzstan)
- V. Konjukov, Member of EPT Working Committee (Uzbekistan)
- D. Nyazov, Member of EPT Working Committee (Turkmenistan)
- A. Ratfibov, Member of EPT Working Committee (ICAS)
- A. Kurbanov, Member of EPT Working Committee (Tajikistan)
- B. P. Popova, Applied Demonstration Project Researcher (Kazakstan)
- E. F. Vlasenko, Applied Demonstration Project Researcher (Kazakstan)
- B. A. Smerdov, Applied Demonstration Project Researcher (Kazakstan)

The purpose of the trip was to provide professional enhancement for these individuals in the area of sustainable water management. Since training opportunities are rare for Central Asian professionals, this group was grateful for the assistance from USAID. The request for financial assistance came to EPT from the American Institute of Hydrology (AIH). AIH provided funding for the organization of the workshop, however, they did not have funding to support local Central Asian participation. Since the audience of the conference appeared to consist of primarily ex-patriots, the USAID assistance helped in a small way, to expand the participation to a broader local audience.

Section 2 Schedule of Activities

23 September 1996

Participant registration. Opening ceremony. Plenary session.

Presentations by N.R. Khamraev (Uzbekistan) "Hydrology, Water Resources of Central Asia: Strategy of Water Supply and Water Improvement Service" and by M.G. Khublaran (Russia) "Man-made Impact on Water Resources and Water Protection Problems."

Banquet

24 - 25 September 1996

Participation in the following break-out sessions:

“Hydrology and Hydrogeology in Arid Zones”

“Water Resources Management, Techniques and Monitoring”

“Water Quality Protection”

A poster presentation was made on “Evaluation of Human Impact on Syr Darya Tributary Flows Within Kazakstan.” The presentation was based on applied demonstration project #4 of USAID’s Environmental Policy and Technology Project. In addition to the brief presentation, there was a question and answer period.

26 September 1996

Field Trip: Charvak Hydropower Plant and Tashkent’s water supply systems.