

Audit report on the use of the state budget funds allocated to execution of the State program of transforming the hazardous objects of the production association “Prydniprovsky Chemicals Plant” to the environmentally safe objects and protection of population from the hazardous impact of ionizing radiation

The Production Association «Prydniprovsky Chemicals Plant» was built in Ukraine by the Soviet Union after the World War II. It was a monster of a plant dealing with the enrichment of uranium. As a result of uranium processing a number of radioactive wastes burials appeared around the town of Dniprodzerzhynsk and in close neighborhood to the recreation zones on the Dnipro river. After collapse of the USSR a row of small enterprises replaced the Plant, however, the problem of the hazardous objects and radioactive wastes inherited from that time are still to be resolved. Moreover, the town of Dniprodzerzhynsk faces an increasing social strain, escalating number of cancer diseases and gradual extinction of its population. The area around the former Plant was declared a danger zone.

The Accounting Chamber of Ukraine has audited the execution of the State program adopted to transform the hazardous objects of the Plant into the environmentally safe ones and protect the population from the negative impacts of the burials ionizing radiation. A number of violations in terms of management of public funds, scientific and technical research, legal framework, organization and planning of works were revealed, and relevant recommendations to the Government of Ukraine were developed.