

# Media FAQ

## Memorandum of Understanding between the Industrial, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan and ROSEN Group

### What is the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)?

The MoU establishes a structured framework for technical and advisory cooperation between the Industrial, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Committee (IRNS Committee) and ROSEN Group. It focuses on strengthening safety and integrity management practices in Uzbekistan's oil, gas, and related industrial sectors. The scope includes technical dialogue, knowledge exchange, expert consultation, and the identification of priority initiatives that support regulatory effectiveness and improved safety outcomes. The cooperation is non-exclusive and designed to evolve in line with national priorities.

### What concrete benefits does this cooperation bring to Uzbekistan?

The cooperation supports enhanced public safety, stronger protection of critical infrastructure, and improved regulatory capability. By applying internationally proven practices tailored to local requirements, Uzbekistan can reduce operational risk, improve asset reliability, and support a stable and secure energy supply. Over time, this contributes to economic resilience, investor confidence, and sustainable industrial development.

### Why is this cooperation particularly relevant at this stage?

Uzbekistan is actively modernizing and expanding its energy and industrial infrastructure. As assets increase in scale and complexity, proactive integrity management and effective regulatory oversight become increasingly important. This cooperation supports the early integration of best practices, helping to ensure that safety considerations keep pace with infrastructure development.

### What is the long-term vision for Uzbekistan under this MoU?

The long-term vision is to support the development of a resilient, future-oriented infrastructure system that protects people, the environment, and national assets. By strengthening regulatory institutions, developing national technical expertise, and aligning with internationally recognized practices, Uzbekistan seeks to ensure long-term infrastructure reliability, public safety, and energy security.

### Does the MoU include training and capacity-building for local specialists?

Yes. Training and capacity-building form an important pillar of the cooperation. The parties intend to support the development of harmonized training concepts for regulators and industry stakeholders, including curricula, qualification requirements, and competency assessment approaches. These activities will be aligned with international best practices while reflecting Uzbekistan's regulatory framework and operational context, with the goal of strengthening national expertise and consistency across the sector.

### How does standardization benefit Uzbekistan's oil and gas sector?

Standardization helps to establish a consistent technical and regulatory foundation across the industry. By developing clear approaches to asset integrity management and inspection methodologies, including risk-based concepts where appropriate, Uzbekistan can improve transparency, regulatory confidence, and safety performance. Alignment with

internationally recognized practices also facilitates cooperation with international partners and supports efficient regulatory oversight.

#### **What role does international cooperation play in this initiative?**

International cooperation enables Uzbekistan to exchange experience with established regulatory frameworks and technical institutions worldwide. Through benchmarking and structured technical dialogue, the IRNS Committee can compare approaches, incorporate lessons learned, and further develop a national strategy that reflects both global experience and domestic regulatory objectives.

#### **Will pilot projects be part of the cooperation?**

Yes. Pilot projects are envisaged as practical tools to demonstrate and evaluate selected methodologies in real operating environments, subject to regulatory approval. These pilots, expected to focus on gas and petrochemical assets, will help assess approaches before broader application and may serve as reference cases for regulators and industry stakeholders.

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