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WASTEWATER DISPOSAL TO TUUL RIVER AFTER ASH DISCHARGE PROCESS STOPPED



The Tuul River Basin Administration, Department of Nature and Environment under the Capital City, and the Specialized Inspection Agency of the Capital City jointly inspected the wastewater disposal issue to the Tuul River in the 3rd khoroo of Khan-Uul district. During the inspection, dumping of wastewater, used in the ash discharge process by the Thermal Power Plant-III, was stopped and action to disinfect animal carcasses around the area was taken.

In addition, samples taken from the wastewater and soil of the infected area were submitted to the Central Laboratory of Environment and Metrology under the Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

Following the results of the analysis, actions will be taken in accordance with the Law on Water and the Law on Water Pollution Charges. When the cause of the problem was clarified by the engineers of TPP-III, filtered ash from the furnace is transported by water to the ash pond. Then the gray water is collected in the ash pond and re-pumped to the plant for re-use. They faced a risk of dam bursting due to some blockages and high ash levels in the ash pond. Therefore, an emergency action to discharge filtered wastewater through the emergency pipeline was taken. The engineers and technicians of CHP-III were warned not to dump wastewater used for ash discharge again in the Tuul River.

[Source: Ministry of Environment and Tourism, gogo.mn](#)

KHERLEN RIVER BASIN ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES "WATER VALUING MONTH" TO CELEBRATE WORLD WATER DAY 2021



Every year, March 22 is celebrated as World Water Day in many countries around the world to draw public attention to clean water, water supply, and water resources. The World Water Day originally declared by the UN General Assembly on March 22, 1993, is celebrated annually under a theme defined by the UN-Water Agency and is disseminated to the public. World Water Day 2021 will be held under the theme "Valuing Water". In anticipation of this day, the Kherlen River Basin Administration announced a month-long campaign on "WATER VALUE". The campaign plans to provide information and organize online activities for the public due to COVID -19 situation.

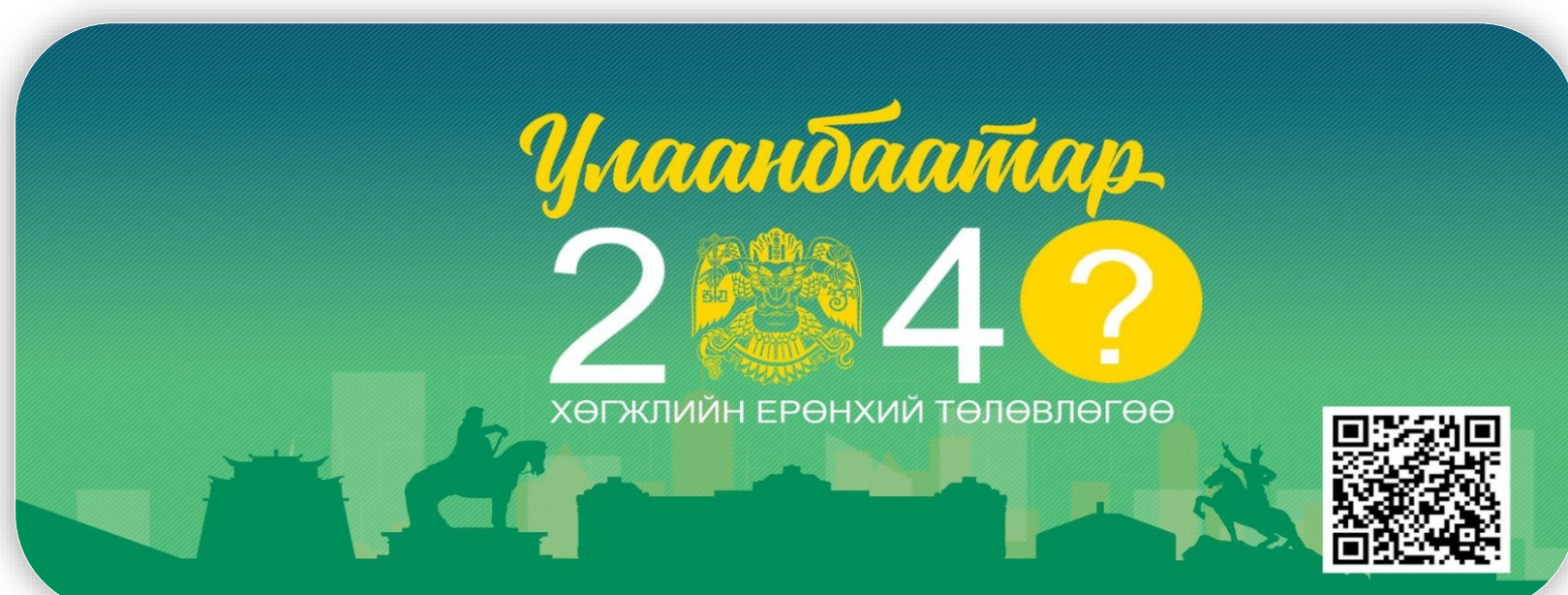
[Source: Kherlen River Basin Administration](#)

THE GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION TO COVER WATER CHARGES DOES NOT INCLUDE NATURAL RESOURCES USE FEES

The Government of Mongolia has decided to exempt all households and some businesses from paying for electricity, heating, water, and garbage until July 2021 to support the livelihoods of the citizens during the pandemic and to help businesses keep their jobs. However, the Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (USUG) is warning people to pay on time using the website www.eus.mn because the government discount does not apply to the Natural Resource Use Fees. Article 6.1 of the Law on Natural Resource Use Fees stipulates that water used for drinking, household and industrial purposes, water used for mining purposes, treatment, nursing, heating and mineral water used for industrial and service purposes, energy production, transportation, and water used for animal and plant breeding, is subject to a fee of 99.12 MNT per m3 of water used by water supply organizations, citizens, business entities and organizations.

[Source: USUG's official Facebook page](#)

ONLINE DISCUSSION ON "ENGINEERING PREPARATION & INFRASTRUCTURE"



The Urban Planning and Research Institute plans to organize a series of online discussions to ensure public participation in the development of Ulaanbaatar city's 2040 Master Plan among professional associations, non-governmental organizations, academies of sciences, and university professors and researchers. As part of the series, an online discussion under the theme "Ulaanbaatar 2040 E-discussion: Engineering Preparatory Measures & Infrastructure" will be held on March 2nd, 2021. Interested participants can go into the below link and get registered.

<https://forms.gle/WD2EBMm1VYTQoeEF7>

[Source: Institute of Urban Planning and Development](#)