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# The draft law of the Kyrgyz Republic “On the prohibition of activities related to geological exploration, exploration, development of uranium and thorium deposits in the Kyrgyz Republic” is submitted for public discussion

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From April 26, 2019, the draft law of the Kyrgyz Republic “On the prohibition of activities related to geological exploration, exploration, development of uranium and thorium deposits in the Kyrgyz Republic” is submitted for public discussion.

The initiators of this draft of law were the deputies of Jogorku Kenesh, A. Sulaimanov, A. Shykmamatov, K. Kerezbekov.

According to the draft law, the following is proposed:

“To impose a ban within the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic on activities related to geological exploration, exploration, development of uranium and thorium deposits, as well as to prohibit the transfer of radioactive tailings to individuals and legal entities for further development and maintenance.”

The draft law was initiated due to the public discussion regarding development of the Tash-Bulak deposit of the Kyzyl-Ompolsky group of uranium-thorianite deposits. It was planned to process the minerals at the Kara-Balta mining plant. However, Kyrgyz citizens went against the project. Massive protests against the further development of the deposit took place in Bishkek and Balykchi cities.

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