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<b>G</b>	<b>Summary of research project (see instruction on page 1)</b>
	<p><i>1 Objective and technical fields:</i> Irrigated lands productivity increase at expense of reclamation measures improvement systems analysis of actual reclamation regime with regard to crop yield, vertical drainage system (VDS) operability and operation regime.</p>
	<p><i>2 Scientific and technical approach:</i> Assessment of VDS operation regime, crop irrigation and leaching regime, irrigation water quality influence on ecologic-reclamation processes within large irrigated scheme (South Kazakhstan, Pakhtaaral district). Study meaning: methodological and practical recommendations on vertical drainage system regime and reclamation regime improvement.</p>
	<p><i>3 Environment characteristics:</i> Climate is sharply continental. High temperature in summer (46 - 47 °C) and low temperature in winter (-35 °C). Precipitation is 260 - 300 mm. Surface slope is 0,0007 - 0,0008. Lithology: Alluvial-proluvial sediments (50 - 80 m) spread under cover loam. Sands with gravel and pebble (Kp=16 - 30 m/day); proluvial sediments constitute top soil. Loess loams (Kp=0,07 - 0,12 m/day) (20 - 40 m). Groundwater level is 2,2 - 2,5 m within growing season, 3 - 3,5 m within non- growing period. Groundwater salinity is 1 - 5 g/l. Soils: middle and light loams, salinized all over the soil profile. Salinization type mainly is chloride-sulphate and chloride.</p>
	<p><i>4 Parameters of Pilot and Technical Solutions:</i> Water supply is performed through inter-farm canals taking their start from main Kirov canal. Inter-farm network efficiency (КПД) is 0,9 - 0,95, in-farm network КПД is 0,75 - 0,80. There are 280 vertical drains with average discharge 38l/sec. Existing collector-drainage system serves as collector removing water pumped from wells. In-farm open drainage system due to its low depth (2,5 m) does not drain groundwater whose level is lower than drains' botlow.</p>
	<p><i>5 Methodology:</i> Water-salt balance calculations, wells actual discharges and specific yields measurements, their technical conditions definition.</p>
	<p><i>6 Results</i> Under conditions of leaching regime of irrigation and optimal drainability middle salinized lands constitute 7,3 % and strongly salinized ones - 4,2 % of area. Cotton yield increased to 3,6 - 3,7 t/ha. Data for period of 1981 - 1989 show that this period is characterized as follow:</p>

- by vertical drainage wells operation deterioration; average discharge is 38 l/sec against planned 65 - 75 l/sec; wells screens porosity decreased on 2 - 66 %; specific yield decrease is 7 - 75 % and actual specific yield is 1,7 - 104 sec/m. Volume of pumped water decreased to 1150 - 1500 cu. m/ha against 2000 - 3600 cu. m/ha (1970-1980);

- specific water duty during growing season decreased to 3970 - 4200 against 4000 - 5000 cu. m/ha; during non- growing period 1570 - 2100 against 2000 - 2500 cu. m/ha (1970-1989);

- leaching regime efficiency was 0,95 - 0,98;

- due to water duty decrease groundwater level did not raise.

Under these conditions process of soil secondary salinization was restored. Cotton yield decreased to 2,4 - 2,7 t/ha. Salinization type from sulphate to sulphate -chloride and chloride.

Non salinized and slightly salinized lands share decreased from 88 % (1977) to 61 % (1989).

Total salt balance had alternative mark from - 2,6 to + 3,4 th/ha per year due to irrigation water salinity growth and insufficient leaching. On the base water-salt balance concrete recommendations are developed on reclamation regime improvement and vertical drainage system operation regime which should provide:

pumped water volume 2235 cu. m/ha;

- groundwater level regulation within growing season within limits 2,20 - 2,9 m; in spring 1,9 - 2,3 m; in autumn 3,1 - 3,4 m;

- total salt stock annual decrease on 0,13 t/ha;

- salt stock within unsaturated zone decrease on 10,9 t/ha and within root zone salinity soil within the limits of 0,33 - 0,47 % (slightly salinized).

These measure will allow to stabilize ecological-reclamation processes and crops yield increase.

H	Suggested key-words		
1	Water specific yield	4	VDS operation regime
2	Water removal	5	
3	Reclamation processes	6	

I	Most recent publications (maximum 3)			
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