Theme 4

NATIONAL MONITORING SYSTEM AND DEPARTMENTAL RESOURCES OF PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

The Law of Ukraine *"On Protection of the Environment"* (articles 20 and 22) envisages establishment of the state environment monitoring system (hereinafter – SEMS) and observations over the environment and level of pollution.

Implementation of these functions is vested in the *Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine* and other central authorities that are parties of the SEMS, as well as in the enterprises, institutions and organizations whose activity leads or may lead to the deterioration of the environment.

The main goals of SEMS are provision of observations, collection, processing, transfer, storage and analysis of information about the state of the environment, prediction of its changes and development of scientifically grounded recommendations for the management decisions in the sphere of environment protection, rational use of natural resources and environmental safety.

The main principles of SEMS operation are defined in the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine № 391 dated 30.03.1998 "On Approval of Statement on the State Environmental Monitoring System". Functions and objectives of observations and information provision (in the state system of environmental monitoring) are fulfilled by such parties at the national level:

- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine
- Hydrometeorological Service
- Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine
- Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
- Ministry of Health of Ukraine
- State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine
- State Water Resources Agency of Ukraine
- State Land Resources Agency of Ukraine
- State Service of Geology and Mineral Resources of Ukraine
- Ministry for Regional Development, Building and Housing of Ukraine
 - State Statistics Service of Ukraine

At the regional level, environmental monitoring is carried out by the following main organizations:

- State regional environmental inspections (Minprirody);
- Oblast hydrometeorological centres;
- Oblast sanitary and epidemiological stations (MOZ);
- Oblast agencies on melioration and water economy (Minagropolitiki);
- Oblast agencies of forest and hunting (Goslesagenstvo);
- Basin agency of water resources (Gosvodagenstvo);
- Oblast agency of land resources (Goszemagenstvo);
- Agencies of housing and utilities at the Oblast State Administrations;
- State regional geological enterprises (Minprirody).

Each body of SEMS monitors those objects of the environment that are defined by the Statement on the state system of monitoring and statements on the state monitoring of some natural components of the environment.

The current system of environmental monitoring comprises the sub-systems of state parties of monitoring and is based on the fulfillment of the distributed functions that are defined by the Statement on the state monitoring system. Each sub-system (at the level of separate body of the monitoring system) has its own structural, organizational, scientific, methodological basis. However, each sub-system functions on the basis of single statutory, methodological and metrological provision.

In Ukraine, the work of the monitoring bodies is regulated by the statutory and methodological documents. The only principle that is adopted in these documents is the environmental (different components of environment) approach in the monitoring i.e. monitoring of air, surface waters, ground water, geological environment, etc.

Inter-institutional cooperation in environmental sector

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Institution	Component of the	Functions a	and objectives	Inter-institutional cooperation for		
	environment	In the sphere of	In the sphere of	data exchange		
			environmental monitoring			
Inter-agency	All components	- Coordination of	- Coordination of activity	Receives information from:		
Commission on		activity of bodies of	of the bodies of	- the Ministry of Environment and		
the issues of		environmental	environmental	Natural Resources of Ukraine,		
environmental		monitoring;	monitoring;	- the Ministry of Internal Affairs of		
monitoring		- Consideration of	- Consideration of general	Ukraine,		
		general issues related	issues of the state and	- the Ministry of Health of		
		to monitoring on the	regional level related to	Ukraine,		
		national and regional	monitoring;	- the Ministry of Agrarian Policy		
		levels;		and Food of Ukraine,		
				- State Forest Resources Agency of		
				Ukraine,		
				- State Water Resources Agency of		
				Ukraine,		
				- State Land Resources Agency of		
				Ukraine,		
				- the Ministry for Regional		
				Development, Building and		
				Housing of Ukraine,		
				- State Service for Geology and		
				Mineral Resources (Subsoil) of		
				Ukraine,		
				- State Statistics Service of		
				Ukraine,		
				- enterprises and organizations,		
				local authorities.		
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Institution	Component of the	Functions and	Inter-institutional cooperation	
	environment	In the sphere of information provision In the sphere of environmental		for data exchange
			monitoring	
The Ministry of	Atmocrahoric air	- Observations, collection and	- Control of atmospheric air;	Receives information from
Environment	Atmospheric air		•	
	Sources of	accumulation of data, analysis of the		-
	Sources of	state of natural environments and		Affairs of Ukraine,
	emissions		- Control of surface and marine	•
Ukraine		- Information and analytical support		Ukraine,
	Surface (including	of a decision-making process related	-	
	marine water)	to natural environment protection,		Policy and Food of Ukraine,
		use of natural resources and	-	
	Sources of	ecological safety;	nature protected territories;	Agency of Ukraine,
	discharge	- Informational services to power	- State of soils of various	- State Water Resources
		bodies and provision of	designation;	Agency of Ukraine,
	Ground waters	environmental information to the	- Geochemical state of	- State Land Resources Agency
		population and international	landscapes;	of Ukraine,
	Soils and	organizations;	- Control of industrial and	- State Services for Geology
	landscapes	- Management of information systems	household waste dumps.	and Mineral Resources of
		and databases on the components of	Implementation of these	Ukraine,
	Waste	the environment;	functions is based on long-term	- State Statistics Services of
		- Development of a regulation on	systematic observations of the	Ukraine,
		information exchange at local,	integrated environmental	- enterprises and
		regional and national levels;	network of monitoring points.	organizations, local
		These functions are implemented	•.	•
		via establishment of information		
		monitoring systems and databases of		
		environmental indicators to support		
		managerial decisions, provision of		
		information to power bodies and the	-	
		population about the state of natural	•	
		environment.	managed by the Ministry	

Institution	Component of the	Functions ar	Inter-institutional	
	environment	In the sphere of information	In the sphere of environmental	cooperation for data
		provision	monitoring	exchange
The Ministry of	Atmospheric air	- Collection of information for	- Control of atmospheric air and	Receives information from
Internal		operational actions in case of a	precipitation;	establishments managed
Affairs of	Surface	crisis or environmental	- Control of surface and ground	by the Ministry (including
Ukraine	(including	emergency situations;	waters;	Hydrometcentre),
	marine) waters	- Informational and analytical	- Monitoring of terrestrial and	enterprises and
		support for assessment and	water ecosystems (bio indicator	organizations, local
	Ground waters	analysis of risks related to	identification);	authorities.
		emergency situations occurrence;	 Control of soils and landscapes; 	
	Soils and	- Forecasting possible negative	- Control of the radiation	
	landscapes	consequences and supporting	situation, hazardous nature	
		decision-making on their	events and disasters;	
	Radioactive	liquidation;	- Monitoring of sites of	
	waste	- Operational provision of	radioactive waste disposal;	
		information to authority bodies	Implementation of these	
		and people in case of	functions is based on	
		environmental hazard;	observations of the integrated	
		- Development of a regulation on	environmental network of	
		information exchange on local,	monitoring points according to	
		regional and national levels in	special programmes in areas of	
		case of emergency situations;	increased environmental	
		These functions are	pressure, zones of catastrophes	
		implemented through the	and hazardous nature events. The	
		establishment of information	functions are fulfilled via	
		channels and systems of crisis	establishments managed by the	
		monitoring.	Ministry to ensure operational	
			actions in response to crisis and	
			environmental emergencies.	

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	environment	In the sphere of information	In the sphere of environmental	cooperation for data
		provision	monitoring	exchange
The Ministry of	Atmospheric air	- Receiving and processing of	- Control of atmospheric air;	Receives information from
Health of		information about pollution of	- Control of surface and marine	the establishments
Ukraine	Surface waters	the environment and levels of	waters;	managed by the Ministry
		negative impact on people;	- Control of drinking water;	(including sanitary and
	Drinking water	- Informational and analytical	- Control of marine, mineral and	epidemiological stations),
		support to assess and analyze	thermal waters;	enterprises and
	Soils	risks for people's health;	- Control of soils;	organizations, local
		- Informational and analytical	- Control of physical factors	authorities
	Impact of	support for decisions related to	(noise, radiation, vibration, etc)	
	physical factors	people's health protection;		
		- Management of information	Implementation of these	
		systems and databases on the	functions is based on long-term	
		components of the environment.	systematic observations of the	
		These functions are implemented	integrated network of monitoring	
		through the establishment of	points in residential and	
		information systems and	recreational areas, as well as	
		databases of social and hygienic	resorts.	
		monitoring.	The functions are fulfilled in	
			order to assess, analyze and	
			predict the level of impact on	
			people to support managerial	
			decisions.	
			The activity is carried out via	
			sanitary and epidemiological	
			stations and other establishments	
			that are managed by the	
			Ministry.	

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Institution	Component of the		nd objectives	Inter-institutional		
	environment	In the sphere of information	In the sphere of environmental	cooperation for data		
		provision	monitoring	exchange		
The Ministry of	Surface waters	- Receiving, processing and	- Control of surface waters of	Receives information from		
Agrarian Policy		provision of information on the	agricultural designation;	the establishments		
and Food of	Soils	quality of agricultural soils;	- Control of agricultural soils;	managed by the Ministry,		
Ukraine		- Receiving, processing and	- Monitoring of agricultural plants	enterprises and		
	Plants	provision of information on the	and products produced out of	organizations, local		
		quality of surface waters;	them;	authorities.		
	Animals	- Collection and provision of	- Monitoring of agricultural			
		monitoring data on agricultural	animals and products produced			
		plants and animals;	out of them;			
		- Participation in the information				
		systems of collective data	Implementation of these			
		exchange and provision of	functions is based on long-term			
		information to power bodies and	systematic observations of the			
		the population;	integrated network of monitoring			
		- Management of information	points and areas as well as full or			
		systems and databases in the	selective control of plants and			
		subject area.	animals in agricultural zones.			
			The functions are fulfilled in order			
		These functions are	to assess, analyze and predict			
		implemented through the	level of impact on agricultural			
		establishment of information	objects to support managerial			
		systems and databases that refer	decisions.			
		to the activity of the Ministry.	The activity is implemented via			
			establishments that are managed			
			by the Ministry in the regions.			
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Institution	Component of the	Functions ar	Inter-institutional		
	environment	In the sphere of information	In the sphere of environmental	cooperation for data	
		provision	monitoring	exchange	
State Forest	Soils	- Receiving, collection and	- Control of soils and lands of	Receives information	
Resources		provision of information on	forest fund;	from the establishments	
Agency of	Forest	the state of lands of forest	- Control of the state of forest	managed by the Ministry	
Ukraine	vegetation	fund;	vegetation;	(that are under the	
		- Receiving, processing and	- Control of the state of game	Ministry) enterprises	
	Game fauna	provision of information on	fauna;	and organizations, local	
		the state of forest vegetation		authorities.	
		and game fauna;	Implementation of these		
		- Participation in the	functions is based on long-term		
		information systems of	systematic observations of the		
		collective data exchange and	integrated network of		
		provision of information to	monitoring areas as well as full		
		authorities and population;	or selective control of plants		
		- Management of information	and animals in the forest fund		
		systems and databases in the	areas.		
		subject area;	The functions are carried out		
			in order to assess, analyze and		
		These functions are	predict the level of impact on		
		implemented through	forests and animals to support		
		establishment of information	managerial decisions.		
		systems and databases that	The activity is implemented		
		refer to the activity of the	via forestry organizations in the		
		Agency.	regions.		

Institution	Component of the		nd objectives	Inter-institutional
	environment	In the sphere of information	In the sphere of environmental	cooperation for data
		provision	monitoring	exchange
State Water	Water objects	- Receiving, processing and	- Control of the state of rivers,	Receives information from
Resources	-	0, 1 0	water reservoirs, canals, water	
Agency of			areas within boundaries of water	
Ukraine	Surface waters	and discharge of sewage waters;		enterprises and
Okidine	Surface Waters		- Control of the state of water	•
	Invigoted and	0, 1 0		e ,
	•		bodies in areas impacted by	authonties.
	drained lands		nuclear power stations;	
		•	Monitoring of surface waters in	
	Submergence	systems of collective data	3 ,	
	area	exchange and provision of	Control of irrigated and drained	
		information to power bodies and	lands;	
		population;		
		- Management of information	Implementation of these	
		systems and databases in the	functions is based on long-term	
		subject area.	systematic observations of the	
			integrated network of monitoring	
		These functions are	posts and areas.	
		implemented through	The functions are carried out in	
		establishment of information	order to assess, analyze and	
		systems and databases that refer	predict a level of impact on water	
		to the activity of the Agency.	resources to support managerial	
			decisions.	
			The activity is implemented via	
			Basin Agencies of Water	
			Resources and Water	
			Organizations in the regions.	

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Institution	Component of the	Functions an		Inter-institutional		
	environment	In the sphere of information	In the sphere of environmental	cooperation for data		
		provision	monitoring	exchange		
State Land	Lands	- Receiving, processing and	- Control of lands, soils and	Receives information		
Resources		provision of information on	landscapes;	from the establishments		
Agency of	Soils	the structure of land fund and \cdot	- Monitoring of vegetation	managed by the		
Ukraine		use of lands;	cover;	Ministry, enterprises and		
	Landscapes	- Participation in information $ \cdot $	- Monitoring of coastal lines of	organizations, local		
		systems of collective data	the rivers, seas, lakes and	authorities.		
		exchange and provision of	water reservoirs;			
		information to power bodies				
		and the population;	Implementation of these			
		- Management of information	functions is based on long-term			
		systems and databases in the	systematic observations of			
		subject area;	integrated network of			
		- Development of geo	monitoring area.			
		information systems of land	The functions are carried			
		resources and vector maps of	out in order to assess, analyze			
		the territory;	and predict a level of impact on			
			land resources to support			
		These functions are	managerial decisions.			
		implemented through the	This activity is implemented			
		establishment of information	via Agencies of Land Resources			
		systems and databases that i	in the regions.			
		refer to the activity of the				
		Agency.				
		Agency.				

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Institution	Component of the				and obje					Inter-institutional		
	environment	•	e of informatio	n	In the sphere of environmental			cooperation for data		ata		
		pro	ovision				mon	itoring		ex	change	
The Ministry	Drinking water	- Receiving,	processing	and	- Cor	ntrol	of	drinking	water	Receives	inform	ation
for Regional		provision of	information	on	quality	y of t	the o	centralized	water	from		the
Development,	Sewage waters	the quality o	f drinking w	ater	supply	/ syste	em;			establishn	nents	
Building and		and sewage w	aters;		- Cont	rol of	sew	age waters	of the	managed	by	the
Housing of	Green	- Receiving,	processing	and	city	sew	age	system	and	Ministry,	enterp	orises
Ukraine	plantations	provision of	information	on	treatm	nent f	acilit	ties;		and o	organizat	ions,
		monitoring r	esults of g	reen	- Mon	itorin	g of	green plant	tations	local auth	orities.	
	Submergence	plantations;			in sett	lemei	nts;					
	areas	- Participa	tion in	the	- Mo	nitori	ng	of subme	rgence			
		information	systems	of	areas i	in set	tlem	ents;				
		collective dat	a exchange	and								
		provision of	information	to		Impl	eme	ntation of	these			
		power bod	ies and	the	functio	ons is	s bas	sed on lon	g-term			
		population;			system	natic	ο	bservations	s of			
		- Managemer	nt of informa	tion	integra	ated r	netw	ork of mon	itoring			
		systems and	databases in	the	sites a	nd op	perat	ional contro	ol.			
		subject area;			Th	ne fun	nctio	ns are carri	ed out			
					in ord	ler to	ass	sess, analyz	e and			
		These fu	inctions	are	predic	t a	leve	l of impa	ict on			
		implemented	through	the	object	s b	eing	controlle	d to			
		establishment	t of informa		-		nage	erial decisio	ns.			
		systems and	databases	that	The a	ctivity	y is	implement	ed via			
		refer to the				-	-	-				
		Ministry.		_	region				_			
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	Functions and objectives Inter-institutional			
environment	In the sphere of information provision In the sphere of environmental cooperation for data			
	monitoring exchange			
Ground waters	- Receiving, processing and - Monitoring of ground waters; Receives information			
	provision of information on - Monitoring of endogenic and from the			
Endogenic and	water intake, use of ground exogenic geological processes; establishments			
exogenic	waters and their quality; - Control of geophysical fields; managed by the			
processes	- Receiving, processing and - Control of geochemical state Ministry,			
	provision of information on of landscapes; enterprises and			
Geophysical	results of monitoring of - State ecological and organizations, local			
fields	geological and geophysical geological mapping of the authorities.			
	processes; territory of Ukraine;			
Landscapes	- Participation in the Implementation of these			
	information systems of functions is based on			
	collective data exchange and long-term systematic			
	provision of information to observations of integrated			
	power bodies and the network of monitoring sites.			
	population; These functions are carried			
	- Management of information out in order to assess, analyze			
	systems and databases in the and predict a level of impact			
	subject area; on ground waters, areas of			
	These functions are land surface and landscape to			
	implemented through the support management			
	establishment of information decisions.			
	systems and databases that The activity is implemented			
	refer to the activity of the via state geological enterprises			
	Service. in the regions.			
	Ground waters Endogenic and exogenic processes Geophysical fields			

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Institution	Component of the	Functions	Inter-institutional cooperation for	
	environment	In the sphere of information	In the sphere of environmental	data exchange
		provision	monitoring	
State	Atmospheric air	Preparation and	This Service is not a body of	Receives information from
Statistics		dissemination of statistical	environmental monitoring. Its	- the Ministry of Environment
Service of	Sources of	collections of	work is focused on the	and Natural Resources of
Ukraine	emissions	environmental	collection and provision of	Ukraine,
		information for regions	statistical information related	- the Ministry of Internal
	Surface waters	and Ukraine in total.	to technogenic impact on the	Affairs of Ukraine,
		Accumulation and	environment.	- the Ministry of Health of
		maintenance of		Ukraine,
	Sources of	information databases of		- the Ministry of Agrarian
	discharge	statistical and		Policy and Food of Ukraine,
		administrative reporting.		- State Forest Resources
	Land resources			Agency of Ukraine,
				- State Land Resources Agency
	Forest resources			of Ukraine,
				- State Water Resources
	Reserved			Agency of Ukraine,
	territories and			- the Ministry for Regional
	game areas			Development, Building and
				Housing of Ukraine,
	Waste			- State Service for Geology
				and Subsoil of Ukraine,
				- enterprises and
				organizations, local
				authorities.

At the *regional level* interaction between the environmental monitoring bodies is determined by the Regulation on informational interaction between the monitoring bodies that is adopted and approved at the level of the Regional State Administrations of the country and cities of central subordination.

Pursuant to these documents, the monitoring bodies provide the government authorities, State Agencies of Natural Resources and the Environment, Agencies on Emergency Situations, other interested organizations and enterprises with information of several types:

- Operational/updated information on threats or occurrence of natural disasters or extremely high levels of environmental pollution;

- Current information about the state of environment;

- One-time information upon requests from interested enterprises, civil society organizations and population.

The operational information is promptly communicated by the environmental monitoring bodies by means of electronic mail, telephone or fax to the officers on duty of the State Administrations, State Agencies of Natural Resources and the Environment, Agencies on Emergency Situations, as well as employees on duty of other interested organizations and enterprises.

Current information from the environmental monitoring bodies is transferred in electronic format or as hard copy to the State Agencies of Natural Resources and the Environment within the timeframes given in the table. Such information is usually submitted in the form of bulletins, reports, reviews, summaries or descriptions. If necessary the monitoring bodies may provide the available information upon one-off requests of interested enterprises and institutions, population and civil society organizations. Such information is provided against actual requests received by the environmental monitoring bodies.

The monitoring bodies distribute the main types of information at the regional level as well as vertically to the coordinating organizations of the central level. The existing system of informational interaction between

agency subsystems of environmental monitoring envisages exchange of information at the national level.

Organizational integration of the environmental monitoring bodies at all levels is carried out by the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources.

Procedure of information provision to the State Agencies of Natural Resources at the regional level

Body of regional environmental	Information provided	Frequency of information provision
monitoring system	- control of surface waters	Monthly
Regional State Environmental Inspection	 control of sources of industrial emissions; control of sources of waste waters discharge; control of surface waters; 	Quarterly
	- state of soils of various designations;	Annual
	 state of atmospheric air; state of surface waters; quality of drinking water; 	Quarterly
Regional Sanitary-Epidemiologi cal Stations	 state of soils; levels of impact from physical factors; levels of water pollution in the areas of water intake; assessment of the state of controlled objects; 	Annual

Information provided	Frequency of information provision
 state of soils and landscapes; state of vegetation cover of lands; state of coastal lines of the rivers, lakes and water reservoirs; 	Annual
 fulfillment of greenery planting plans in populated areas quality and volumes of drinking water consumption; quality and volumes of waste water from municipal sewage systems and waste water treatment facilities; 	Annual
- state of forests and game fauna;	Annual
-	 state of soils and landscapes; state of vegetation cover of lands; state of coastal lines of the rivers, lakes and water reservoirs; fulfillment of greenery planting plans in populated areas quality and volumes of drinking water consumption; quality and volumes of waste water from municipal sewage systems and waste water treatment facilities;

Information provided	Frequency of information provision
 state of atmospheric air; state of precipitations, surface water bodies; radiation situation; 	Monthly
 levels of soil contamination; assessment of the state of controlled bodies 	Annual
- natural disasters and natural hazardous phenomena;	Timely warning
 flooding of agricultural lands and rural populated areas; state of irrigated and drained lands; state of coastal areas of the water reservoirs; 	Annual
	 state of atmospheric air; state of precipitations, surface water bodies; radiation situation; levels of soil contamination; assessment of the state of controlled bodies natural disasters and natural hazardous phenomena; flooding of agricultural lands and rural populated areas; state of irrigated and drained lands;

Information provided	Frequency of information provision
- level of surface water pollution in places of its intensive practical use;	Quarterly
 levels of surface water pollution; use of water (form 2 TP-water); state of water in water bodies in areas of water intake; 	Annual
- ground water pollution levels;	Quarterly
- data of the state cadastre on ground waters;	Quarterly
 dissemination of endogenic and exogenic processes; geo-chemical state of landscapes; 	Annual
	 level of surface water pollution in places of its intensive practical use; levels of surface water pollution; use of water (form 2 TP-water); state of water in water bodies in areas of water intake; ground water pollution levels; data of the state cadastre on ground waters; dissemination of endogenic and exogenic processes;