

## ANTHROPOGENIC IMPACT AS A SOURCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS AND HAZARDS: TENDENCIES AND SPECIFICS OF MANIFESTATION ON THE BORDER TERRITORIES **OF WESTERN UKRAINE**

# АНТРОПОГЕННИЙ ВПЛИВ ЯК ДЖЕРЕЛО ЕКЗОГЕННИХ ЗАГРОЗ ТА РИЗИКІВ: ТЕНДЕНЦІЇ ТА СПЕЦИФІКА ВИЯВЛЕННЯ НА ПРИКОРДОННИХ ТЕРИТОРІЯХ ЗАХІДНОЇ УКРАЇНИ



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The anthropogenic impact has considerably spread and intensified and therefore, the problem of taking into account the potential of the environment and certain regions in terms of possibilities of its use and sustainability for human economic activity has arisen. Regarding the latter, the development and expansion of cities take the first place by the highest rate of intensity, the mining industry ranks the second, the construction of roads and development of water industry come next.

Public and environment safety in economic activity is a complex socioeconomic problem, the solution of which depends on the nature of the interaction of economic, social, environmental and demographic factors that determine the development of both separate states and civilization in general. On the one hand, the modern society cannot meet its material and nonmaterial needs (i.e. its own security in the socioeconomic area) without increasing the scales of public production accompanied by the strengthening of anthropogenic pressure on the biosphere. On the other hand, the society has to protect the environment (i.e. to ensure its environmental safety), since its state affects both efficiency and comfortability of people's living conditions, their health etc.

There are four forms of negative impact of the anthropogenic impact.

1. Change of components of the biosphere, the circulation of matters in nature (mineral production, waste accumulation, emissions and discharges of pollutants into air and water). Environmental pollution is the addition of solid, liquid and gaseous substances or energy (heat, noise, radioactive substances) to the biosphere in the amounts, having a direct or indirect harmful effect on humans, animals and plants. The direct ob-

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jects of pollution (acceptors) are main components of the environment - the atmosphere, water, soil, minerals, flora and fauna.

- 2. Restructuring of the earth surface (ploughing-up, deforestation, reclamation work, impoundment, change of the surface water runoff regime, urbanization, and mining).
- 3. Change of the energy balance of the planet and buffer properties of the Earth (due to combustion of solid and liquid fuel, the share

of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased by 25-30%, which may in the future The article considers prerequisites of the spread and specifics of manifestation of anthropogenic influence on lead to a rise of the average temperature the environment by four main forms of negative effects. by 1,5-2 ° C. This will cause the so-called Determined are reasons for high risks of occurrence of phenomenon of the greenhouse effect, when anthropogenic hazards and emergencies of man-made the effective-terrestrial radiation will be less character. Analyzed is a disastrous character of the life activity environment of the Ukraine's population and border than the planet's absorbing the solar rawestern regions by the number of emergencies of man-made diation. The increase of carbon dioxide and character, the death toll and the casualty list as well as water vapor in the atmosphere disturbs the material losses during 2000-2014. The role of potentially heat balance of the Earth. The heating of the dangerous facilities in the anthropogenic loading of the atmosphere on a global scale by 2-4°C will border regions is shown and grounded in terms of threats and risks created by them to the environment components. lead to the melting of polar ice, resulting in Trends of further cooperation between Ukraine and EU to the ocean level rising by about 20 meters and prevent the spread of environmental threats and hazards much of the land being drowned).

У статті розглядаються передумови поширення та специфіки виявлення антропогенного впливу на навколишне середовище по чотирьом основним формам негативних наслідків. Виявлено причини високого рівня антропогенних ризиків та аварійних ситуацій техногенного характеру. Проаналізовано згубний характер середовища життєдіяльності українського населення та прикордонних західних регіонів по кількості техногенних аварій, кількості загиблих та поранених, а також фінансових збитків за період щ 2000 по 2014 роки. Показано та доведено роль потенційно небезпечних об'єктів в антропогенному навантаженні прикордонних регіонів в умовах створюваними ними загроз та ризиків для компонентів навколишнього середовища. Виявлено тенденції подальшої співпраці між Україною та ЄС з метою запобігання поширення екзогенних загроз та ризиків в прилеглих районах.

on adjacent areas are identified.

4. Destruction of plant and animal diversity, natural habitats of animal and plant breeding, artificial acclimatization and adaptation of animals and plants on new habitats, breeding new plant and animal breeds, etc. (each year 150 thousand km<sup>2</sup> of forests are cut down in the world. During the last 60 years more than 1 billion hectares of forests were converted to agricultural land, 120 mammal species and 150 bird species disappeared. Up to 2 million living organisms, ranging from 15 to 20% of all plants and animals are now threatened with extinction). The theoretical and methodological base of research of anthropogenic safety and specifics of its manifestation on

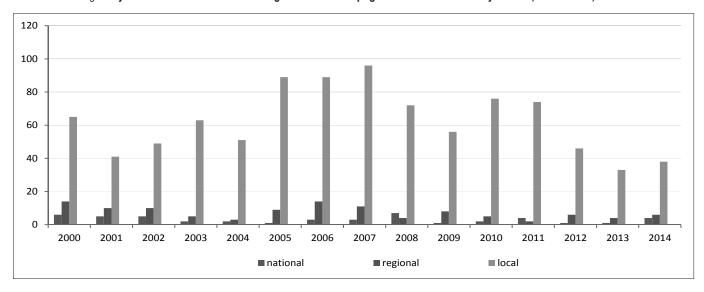
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Table 1. Dynamics of human wreck and suffered people and material losses from emergencies of anthropogenic nature, 2000-2014 \*

Indicator	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Всього
The number of emergencies, cases	261	242	208	195	156	212	207	196	165	130	130	134	120	75	74	2505
Human wreck, persons	251	273	356	295	282	344	354	495	413	247	255	277	224	180	239	4485
People suffered in emergencies,	318	511	484	290	311	591	284	430	254	330	222	230	383	285	187	5110
persons	310	311	404	290	311	391	204	430	204	330	222	230	303	200	107	3110
Losses from emergencies, mln hrn	117	50	92	44	24	51	97	156	92	189	63	30	64	61	-	1130

\*Source : [9, 10].

Fig. 1. Dynamics and distribution of emergencies of anthropogenic nature in Ukraine by extents, 2000-2014, cases



the territory of Ukraine is revealed and grounded in the work of A. Kachynskyi [1]; B. Danylyshyn and A. Stepanenko's papers [2; 3] highlight regional peculiarities of the manifestations of man-made threats and analyze socioeconomic and environmental consequences of the placement of potentially hazardous industries. The methodological approaches to assessing the environmental hazards in the regional dimension and the forecast of their development are considered in the papers of the researchers of Public Institution «Institute for Environmental Management and Sustainable Development of NAS of Ukraine» [4; 5; 6; 7; 8]. A significant number of scientific reports and materials, including foreign ones [9; 10; 11], is devoted to the problems of anthropogenic threats and risks as well as to the specifics of their manifestation in transboundary areas, and synergistic processes.

According to the results of the research carried out in Ukraine, the increase of the number and scale of the consequences of accidents and disasters in the technosphere is caused by:

- ☐ the introduction of new technologies requiring a high concentration of energy, life-threatening substances that have a significant impact on the components of the environment;
- ☐ major structural changes in the economy of the country that led to the suspension of many industries, disturbance of economic relations, stoppages in technological chains;
  - ☐ high progressive level of wear and tear of fixed assets;
- ☐ the fall of technological and production discipline as well as technical personnel qualification:
  - ☐ the accumulation of industrial waste that pose a threat to the environment;
    ☐ the weakening of exactingness and efficiency of the supervisory hodies
- $\hfill \Box$  the weakening of exactingness and efficiency of the supervisory bodies and government inspections work;
- ☐ a high concentration of the population living near the potentially hazardous facilities associated with the overall urbanization.

It should also be noted that in recent years the sequence of appearance of emergencies of anthropogenic nature is being increased by abnormal changes of the natural factor such as amplitude of temperature oscillations, dry fire hazardous period, hurricanes, landslides, which represents danger to operating potentially hazardous facilities (PHF). The synergistic component is also growing.

During the 2000 to 2014 period, 2505 emergencies of **anthropogenic nature** were registered in Ukraine. Their number considerably varied every year (from 261 in 2000 to 74 in 2014). As a result of these emergencies 4485 people died and 5110 – suffered, material losses reached 1 130 mln hrn (Table 1).

According to State Emergency Service of Ukraine, during 2014 only material losses from fires totaled 7 billion 731 mln hrn (including direct losses - 1 billion 489 mln hrn). Fire destroyed or damaged 27 292 buildings and structures and 4450 equipment units.

The distribution of emergencies in the whole coincides with technogenic load of the territory. The largest number of man-made emergencies is registered in the industrial regions: Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv. By breadth of spreading they come as follows: national – 47, regional – 111, local - 577, object – 938 (Fig. 1).

From the point of view of territories, during 2014 the largest man-made risk was manifested in industrial Donetsk (16 emergencies) and Kharkiv (9 emergencies) regions. In the territories adjacent to EU, namely, Transcarpathian and Ternopil regions the average risks of emergencies remained (3-5 cases) and in Volyn and Lviv regions – 1 case. The main causes were traffic violations, poor technical condition of production facilities, disregard of fire safety and other standards in industry, construction, public utilities, transport and other sectors (Table 2).

In studying the prerequisites of a high level of risk of man-made emergencies, attention should be paid to the placement and operation of PHF in the border regions of Western Ukraine. Analyzing the current spatial orientation of facilities a list of typical problems generated by them for this territory was identified. It should be mentioned that the manifestations of threats from PHF do not virtually differ from the point of view of territories. Some difference is only in the degree of manifestation of harmful impact. Thus, it is known that enterprises of any industry pollute air and chemically hazardous enterprises, moreover, are potential polluters of water bodies (due to inclusion of water resources in the production cycle, penetration of contaminated water into the soil horizons), soil (through unequipped space storages of raw materials or finished products, accumulation of waste) etc.

For a detailed analysis of threats of potentially hazardous industries in the context of regions we have analyzed the semantic content of Ecological passports of the regions and data of the National Report on the State of the

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# Table 2. Dynamics of anthropogenic emergencies in western regions of Ukraine for the 2000-2014 period \*

Region	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Volyn	8	3	4	1	0	8	3	0	5	1	2	2	1	2	1	41
Transcarpathian	8	7	0	7	7	2	7	4	1	2	1	2	1	4	0	53
Ivano-Frankivsk	5	3	4	2	0	3	3	4	1	3	2	3	1	2	0	36
Lviv	17	27	20	19	10	13	10	6	8	6	2	4	8	3	1	154
Chernivtsi	7	4	7	1	2	2	7	1	0	1	4	0	0	2	1	39

<sup>\*</sup>Source: data from regional departments of State Emergency Service of Ukraine

## Table 3. Most potentially hazardous facilities of border regions and problems caused by them \*

PHF in the context of regions **	Threats of pollution
LVIV REGION	1) air pollution:
Dobrotvir heat electropower station (Dobrotvir village) – emissions	☐ industrial emissions belonging to the hundred facilities - the largest environmental pollutants (emissions of
2. Gas transmittal pipelines administration "Lvivtransgaz" (Lviv) – emissions	Burshtyn HES, evaporation of waste gases from landfills);
3. State Enterprise «Lvivvuhillia» (Sokal) – emissions	☐ lack of desulfurization of emissions into the air at most enterprises (Dobrotvir HES, enterprises of petroleum
4. Rozdil state mining and chemical enterprise "Sirka" (Rozdol) – emissions	refining industry);
5. UE "Zbyranka" (Lviv garbage dump, Velyki Hrybovychi village) – emissions, waste products	□ blowing radioactive substances from the surface of soil contaminated by the Chernobyl accident;
6. Lviv municipal utility enterprise "Lvivvodokanal" (Lviv) – discharges, waste products	uransboundary transfer of air pollutants in the border territories (almost uncontrollable process due to lack of the
IVANO-FRANKIVSK REGION	sufficient number of mobile and stationary observation points);
1.Burshtyn HES PC "Zakhidenerho (Burshtyn) – emissions, waste	
2. UE "Ivano-Frankivskvodoekotekhprom" (Ivano-Frankivsk) – emissions, discharges	2) water pollution:
3. PC "Naftokhimik of Prykarpattia" (Nadvirna) - emissions, discharges, waste products	☐ contamination of ground waters with liquid products of waste rotting from landfills, there is a high probability
4. Gas transmittal pipelines administration "Prykarpattransgaz" (Ivano-Frankivsk) – emissions, waste products	of volley of filtrate outside landfills;
5. Oil and gas mining enterprise "Dolynanaftogaz" (Dolyna) – waste products, discharges	☐ leakage of contaminated waters from sewage treatment facilities and sludge fields into ground waters;
CHERNIVTSI REGION	problems associated with discharge and leakage of polluted and mineralized mining waters (stoppage
1. PC "Chernivtsi oil-fat plant" (Chernivtsi) – emissions, discharges	of pumping waters in mines, worsening of drainage capacity of internal drainage network which was
2. PE "Mamalyha gypsum plant" (Mamalyha village) – emissions, waste products	on the balance sheet of agricultural enterprises. The situation in town Kalush is especially critical);
3. SUE "Chernivtsivodokanal" (Chernivtsi) – discharges	☐ contamination of surface waters with untreated and insufficiently treated backwaters of the enterprises
	of the housing and communal services, the share of which in the total discharge of polluted waters is up to 90%
	(e.g, town Chortkiv, where there is only mechanical treatment of used waters, discharge of backwaters
	into marine waters UE «Sevmiskvodokanal», etc.);
	☐ transit contamination of the river Dniester (before Chernivtsi water intake), a significant number of polluted
	waters from the enterprises of Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv and Ternopil regions is discharged;
TRANSCARPATHIAN REGION	a high content of nitrate and high salinity and hardness almost in all water points equipped as quaternary
1. Volovets gas compressor station (Volovets village) – emissions	aquifers, that is they are the first to deposit from the surface and are unprotected or vulnerable to human
2. Uzhhorod railway transportation administration of Lviv railway (Uzhhorod) – waste products	activity;
3. PC "Zakarpatgaz" (Uzhhorod) – emissions (methane)	☐ threat of transboundary water pollution from the sewage treatment plants of town Soroky of the Republic of Moldova;
	□ violation of hydrological and hydrochemical regime of small rivers in the regions (entry of sewage (thaw) waters without treatment, cluttering river banks and water surface up with waste and household waste, unauthorized
	construction within coastal protection strips, location of industrial facilities, residential development, plowing
	plots of land within the water protection zones and coastal protection strips);
	☐ transbounadry problems related to water drainage and supply of industries on the territory of neighboring
	states.
	3) soil pollution, change of their structure:
	prevalence of unauthorized landfills near medium and small localities of the regions;
	<ul> <li>allocation of large land areas for sludge fields, industrial waste tanks, slag collection points (for wastes of energy, mining, manufacturing industries);</li> </ul>
	absence of land reclamation measures in mining regions;
	seepage of contaminated waters into deep soil layers;
	positive dynamics of the daylight surface subsidence over mine fields of dead pits in the zone of influence
	of mining;
	activation of karstification over mine fields of dead pits and tailings dams;
	accumulation of waste of mining, manufacturing and energy industries on the surface;
	open pit storage of crop protection chemicals;
	☐ placement of repositories for poisonous substances crop protection chemicals on plots of lands of economic
	purpose where industrial waste of 5-7 adjacent regions is accumulated;
	accumulation of waste of mining, engineering, construction, woodworking and agricultural complexes on the
	lands of industrial facilities (waste fluorescent lamps, batteries, oil products, used oil filters, wood industry waste
	as well as domestic waste and coal industry waste).

<sup>\*</sup> The list of problems and their solutions are identified based on the data of Ecological passports of regions and Regional reports on the state of the environment

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Prepared by the authors in accordance with the regulations of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine "On informing the public of matters relating to the environment" from 04.11.2004 No 2169-IV and orders of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine of 21.03.2005 No 103 "On informing the population of facilities that are the biggest polluters of the environment" and of 01.11.2005 No 397 "On approval of the Regulations on quarterly informing the population through the media of facilities that are the biggest polluters of the environment"

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Among the potentially hazardous facilities of border Volyn region there are no industries belonging to the hundred biggest polluters of the environment of Ukraine.

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Environment in Ukraine. Spatial location of PHF in the context of regions was determined, the problematic field generated by them and possible ways of the improvement of the situation (Table 3).

Among the effective measures to improve the situation (according to the Environmental passports of regions and Regional reports on the state of the environment), the following ones are offered:

☐ installation of battery emulsifiers of the second generation on boilers and modern means of oxygen measurement at Dobrotvir HES;

☐ modernization of technology of purification of dust and gas flow from pollutants at SE "Kovel vetsanzavod";

☐ implementation of the investment project "Construction of Lutsk regional rubbish recycling complex with the capacity of 450 thousand tons of rubbish per year":

☐ continuation of works on reconstruction of sewerage and dewatering of massif of individual building at the mines of SE "Volynvuhillia";

☐ modernization of the technological system of water treatment plant in Lutsk:

☐ elimination of disparities between capacities of water intake structures and sewage treatment plants, construction of new and reconstruction of existing sewage treatment plants and water networks and sewage systems, increase of the funding for environmental measures from the State budget.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

So, any economic activity and especially the one that is carried out in adjacent areas may cause emergence and spread of environmental threats and hazards. Therefore, in the border regions, special attention should be paid to adhering to the following principles:

☐ prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities that are associated with a significant risk of transboundary harm to the environment;

☐ due diligence which is a key element of the obligation to prevent transboundary environmental damage;

☐ cooperation between states through which warning of transboundary harm and liquidation of its consequences is provided;

good faith, the regulations of which are turned to future behavior of agents. They are the basis of lawful behavior of states.

In recent decades, there has appeared a new factor of anthropogenic danger associated with the development of informatization, computerization and high technologies. It is caused by transition of the state to a higher level of social and economic development. In today's world, these changes have their own characteristics, among which, from the perspective of human safety, the following ones can be singled out:

☐ high technologies create goods, the properties of which are unknown or will become known only after a prolonged use on the market;

☐ these technologies lead to fundamentally new threats. For example, the development of nanotechnology will be accompanied by environmental pollution with nanoparticles;

☐ high technologies contribute to the creation of new zones of destruction.

With the development and updating of the economic process, the deepening of integration and development of cross-border cooperation Ukraine should conduct studies that will reflect the strategic priorities of the development of its border regions, especially in supporting environmental safety. Due to the emergence of anthropogenic emergencies, Ukraine annually loses 2-2.5% of GDP which restrains the improvement of economic indicators and quality of the population living standards, and the average level of individual risk is 1.5-2 order higher than the allowable one, adopted in developed countries. Therefore we should think of effective ways of preventing man-made disasters caused by a critical state of logistics and technological lag of the leading industries. This is especially relevant for regions adjacent to EU. Thus, the Association Agreement includes several Directives governing the state of the technological safety [12; 13].

However, the safety legislation of Ukraine today only partly meets their requirements. Therefore, in future a strategy of prevention and response to transboundary emergencies of anthropogenic character is to promote international cooperation between Ukraine and neighboring countries before, during and after accidents (including the impact of accidents caused by natural disasters), in order to establish appropriate policies and to strengthen

and coordinate actions at all appropriate levels. In addressing these issues, a significant role will belong to the implementation of European legislation where through effective economic, environmental and legal instruments the technological safety level is greatly reduced.

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