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Summary report
on the results of production environmental monitoring within
subsoil areas of “Surgutneftegas” PJSC in the territory of Khanty-
Mansiysky Autonomous Okrug – Yugra
in 2021

Production environmental monitoring (PEM) in “Surgutneftegas” PJSC is performed on the basis of GOST R 56059-2014 “Production environmental monitoring. General provisions” to provide information on the environment condition and pollution level required to perform activity on preservation and restoration of the natural environment, rational use and reproduction of natural resources, prevention of the negative impact of business and other activity on the environment and elimination of its consequences.

In 2021 the works were performed in accordance with the license of “Surgutneftegas” PJSC №R/2013/2377/100/L dated 11.09.2013 to operate in the sphere of hydrometeorology and related areas, including determination of the pollution level of ambient air, soils and water bodies.

In Khanty-Mansiysky Autonomous Okrug – Yugra environmental monitoring within subsoil blocks is performed in compliance with Decree of the Government of Khanty-Mansiysky Autonomous Okrug – Yugra No. 485-p “On environmental monitoring system within license blocks for subsoil use for the purpose of oil and gas production on the territory of Khanty-Mansiysky Autonomous Okrug – Yugra and annulment of some decrees of the Government of Khanty-Mansiysky Autonomous Okrug – Yugra” dated 23.12.2011.

The monitoring system is developed in compliance with projects of local environmental monitoring and projects for assessment of the initial contamination of natural environment components within subsoil blocks of “Surgutneftegas” PJSC.

During the development of the monitoring system the regional features were taken into consideration, including: vast area of the territory, marshiness of the land, developed river net as well as the location of production facilities.

Monitoring points are installed at all major water bodies in the areas of the Company’s operations, at the prevailing types of soils as well as the areas where the Company’s production facilities are placed that pose potential environmental risks.

In 2021, within subsoil blocks of “Surgutneftegas” PJSC in KhMAO – Yugra the monitoring was performed at 65 subsoil blocks including local environmental monitoring at 60 blocks (hereinafter – LEM) in 1049 sampling points, baseline pollution assessment at 5 blocks (hereinafter – BPA) in 101 sampling points. Monitoring points are fixed in the field by identification marks containing information about number, geographical coordinates and name of the subsoil block.

Natural environment components under study: surface waters, bottom sediments, soils, ambient air and snow cover.

The structure of the observational network of environmental monitoring within subsoil blocks of “Surgutneftegas” PJSC in the territory of Khanty-Mansiysky Autonomous Okrug – Yugra

Natural environment components	Type of monitoring	Number of points	Number of controlled parameters
Ambient air	BPA	5	7
	LEM	176	7
Snowfall	BPA	5	13
	LEM	169	13
Surface waters	BPA	37	22
	LEM	271	22
Bottom sediments	BPA	37	20
	LEM	260	14
Soils	BPA	17	23
	LEM	173	17

The laboratory sample analysis is carried out by seven in-house accredited laboratories according to approved methodology in compliance with the current regulations and guidelines. Lower range of pollutant detection techniques does not exceed established standards for the safe content level (maximum allowable concentrations (MAC), approximate permissible concentration (APC), safe reference levels of impact (SRLI), etc).

The research results are submitted to the Department for Environmental, Wildlife and Forestry Affairs Control of Khanty-Mansiysky Autonomous Okrug – Yugra (Prirodnadzor of Yugra) by means of information exchange system “quantitative chemical analysis electronic protocols” during the established period as well as in electronic form until the first day of April of the year following the reporting year.

Surface waters

In 2021, 749 samples of surface waters from 60 subsoil blocks where LEM is performed and 74 samples of surface waters from 5 subsoil blocks where BPA was performed, were taken and underwent a comprehensive chemical analysis.

Evaluation of the results of BPA and LEM of surface waters at subsoil blocks is performed in compliance with the current specified parameters (MAC), established by Order No. 552 of Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation dated 13.12.2016.

**Average concentration of hydrochemical indicators
determined in surface waters**

Hydrochemical indicator	Unit	Average value (AV) of hydrochemical indicators				MAC	AV to MAC ratio in 2021	
		BPA		LEM			BPA	LEM
		2020	2021	2020	2021			
pH value	pH unit	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0	n/a	-	-
Total BOD	mgO ₂ /d m ₃	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.6	3.0	0.83	0.87
Ammonium ion	mg/dm ₃	0.2	0.11	0.24	0.17	0.5	0.22	0.34
Nitrate ion	mg/dm ₃	0.35	0.26	0.60	0.45	40	0.007	0.011
Phosphate ion	mg/dm ₃	0.05	0.07	0.052	0.053	0.2	0.35	0.27
Sulfate ion	mg/dm ₃	1.7	2.0	1.9	1.1	100	0.020	0.011
Chloride ion	mg/dm ₃	14.6	9.19	13.18	11.52	300	0.031	0.038
Anionic surfactant	mg/dm ₃	<0.025	<0.025	<0.025	<0.025	0.1	<0.25	<0.25
Oil products	mg/dm ₃	0.028	0.025	0.027	0.028	0.05	0.50	0.56
Phenol	mg/dm ₃	0.00033	0.00025	0.00033	0.00027	0.001	0.25	0.27
Total iron	mg/dm ₃	0.51	0.19	0.43	0.47	0.1	1.9	4.7
Lead	mg/dm ₃	0.0018	0.0021	0.0018	0.0019	0.006	0.35	0.32
Zinc	mg/dm ₃	0.026	0.014	0.026	0.013	0.01	1.4	1.3
Nickel	mg/dm ₃	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0.0026	0.01	0.25	0.26
Manganese	mg/dm ₃	0.054	0.025	0.056	0.047	n/a	-	-
Hexavalent chrome	mg/dm ₃	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.02	<0.5	<0.5
Copper	mg/dm ₃	0.0026	0.0015	0.0016	0.0010	0.001	1.5	1.0
Mercury	mg/dm ₃	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.01	<1	<1

The landscape of the West Siberian taiga zone is featured by a large number of wetlands. The chemical composition of bog waters is characterized by high acidity. The acidic media of aquifers, formed due to a high level of marshiness is beneficial for the migration of micro- and macroelements. This determines a high concentration of iron, manganese, zinc and copper in the surface waters of the autonomous okrug.

Natural landscape-geochemical conditions cause almost widespread exceedance of the approved standards related to iron (76% of samples taken at sites of BPA and 84% of samples taken at sites of LEM), zinc (32% of samples taken at sites of BPA and 47% of samples taken at sites of LEM) and copper (47% of samples taken at sites of BPA and 32% of samples taken at sites of LEM).

Usually, high water of large Siberian rivers takes long time from two to four months depending on dryness of the year. A long period of flooding of vast bottomland areas increases the impact of biology-and-soil factors on formation of the chemical compound of surface waters. This translates into increasing concentration of nitrogen, phenol compounds generated by decomposition of plant remains.

In 2021, standards exceedance of ammonium ion concentration was observed in 11% of samples taken at sites of LEM and in 1 of sample taken at sites of BPA.

In 2021, the average value of the determined hydrochemical indicators is at or below the level of the results for 2020.

High concentration of pollutants, that shows contamination level, was not determined.

Concentration of oil products and chlorides in surface waters which characterize the man-made pollutant flux in oil production regions has special urgency when assessing the environmental situation in the region. In compliance with Decree of the Government of Khanty-Mansiysky Autonomous Okrug – Yugra No. 485-p dated 23.12.2011, surface waters sampling for concentration determination of oil products and chlorides as priority pollutants shall be performed at points of LEM on a monthly basis during free channel period with due account for hydrological features of water bodies.

In 2021, MAC exceedance of chlorides and oil products in surface waters was not identified.

Bottom sediments

In 2021, 260 samples of bottom sediments were taken and analyzed at 60 subsoil blocks where LEM was conducted and 37 samples of bottom sediments were taken and analyzed at 5 subsoil blocks where BPA was performed. The samples were taken once per year in sampling points of the surface water.

Average values of determined bottom sediments indicators

Indicator	Unit	Average values of determined indicators			
		BPA		LEM	
		2020	2021	2020	2021
pH value	pH unit	6.35	6.53	6.73	6.62
Organic substance	%	14.7	39.9	4.19	5.79
Chloride ion	mg/kg	13	9.56	12.2	21.1
Sulfate ion	mg/kg	26	41	20	27
Oil products	mg/kg	32.2	41.9	22.4	28.9
Iron (active form)	mg/kg	56	79	102	230
Lead (active form)	mg/kg	2.11	0.61	0.33	0.39
Zinc (active form)	mg/kg	9.18	1.6	2.5	2.0
Manganese (active form)	mg/kg	18.72	16.4	11.02	16.07
Copper (active form)	mg/kg	1.33	0.2	0.20	0.23
Nickel (active form)	mg/kg	0.94	0.24	0.22	0.28
Hexavalent chrome	mg/kg	0.025	0.025	0.04	0.025
Mercury	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05

There are no federal pollution standards set for the content of pollutants in the bottom sediments. Current condition of bottom sediments was assessed against results of BPA measurement performed in 2021 and against results, obtained in 2020.

The average values of all determined indicators of bottom sediments samples taken as part of LEM do not exceed the average values of indicators of samples taken at subsoil blocks where, in 2021, BPA was performed, as well as samples taken in 2020, excluding chloride-ion and iron (active form).

Soils

In 2021, as part of environmental monitoring, 173 soil samples were taken at 60 subsoil blocks where LEM is performed and 17 soil samples were taken at 5 subsoil blocks where BPA was performed.

Average values of indicators determined in soil

Indicator	Unit	Average values of (AV) determined indicators				MAC	AV to MAC ratio in 2020	
		BPA		LEM			BPA	LEM
		2020	2021	2020	2021			
pH of the salt extract	pH unit	3.5	3.4	3.9	3.7	-	-	-
Organic substance	%	0.52	2.05	0.9	1.94	-	-	-
Ammonium ion	mg/kg	7.3	5.5	2.2	5.0	-	-	-
Phosphate ion	mg/kg	14.03	1.12	1.7	0.82	-	-	-
Nitrate ion	mg/kg	4.82	2.89	1.7	1.74	130	0.022	0.013
Sulfate ion	mg/kg	37	24.2	12.9	10.8	-	-	-
Chloride ion	mg/kg	33.1	20.9	13.3	12.5	-	-	-
Oil products	mg/kg	35	9.8	12.4	17.5	-	-	-
Benz(o)pyrene	mg/kg	0.00031	0.00016	0.0003	0.00022	0.02	0.008	0.011
Iron (active form)	mg/kg	79	282.9	60.9	81.8	-	-	-
Lead (active form)	mg/kg	2.05	0.71	0.4	0.33	6.0	0.118	0.055
Zinc (active form)	mg/kg	5.47	2.83	2.5	1.49	23	0.123	0.065
Manganese (active form)	mg/kg	30.82	54.84	8.7	17.33	100	0.55	0.17
Copper (active form)	mg/kg	0.21	0.20	0.2	0.21	3.0	0.07	0.07
Nickel (active form)	mg/kg	0.34	0.63	0.2	0.25	4.0	0.158	0.063
Hexavalent chrome	mg/kg	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	-	-	-

The average values of determined indicators of soil samples taken as part of LEM do not exceed or below the average values of indicators of samples taken at subsoil blocks where, in 2021, BPA was performed. Such values do not exceed or below the average values of indicators of samples taken in 2020. They make up one and two decimal digits of the established environmental standards.

The content of oil products in soil samples taken at blocks under development was 17,5 mg/kg on average, which coincides with a baseline content of oil products in the soil based on Pikovsky's measurement scale (1993).

Ambient air

In 2021, 348 samples of ambient air from 60 subsoil blocks were examined. These samples were taken at the subsoil blocks where LEM is performed. The samples were taken at 60 baseline monitoring points (least affected by a man and transboundary masses from technological facilities at the blocks) and 116 control points (affected by man-made infrastructure facilities). Also, 10 samples of air were taken and analyzed at 5 subsoil blocks where BPA was performed.

Seven components were under research: methane, carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and dioxide, suspended materials, carbon black.

In accordance with LEM projects ambient air quality assessment was carried out on the basis of comparison of the results of quantitative chemical analysis with MAC and SRLI standards. Levels exceeding hygienic standards were not determined.

Monitoring results prove that in 2021 ambient air condition was favorable.

Snow cover (snow melt)

In 2021, 169 samples of snow cover from 60 subsoil blocks were examined. These samples were taken at the subsoil blocks where LEM is performed. The samples were taken during the period of maximum stored moisture (March-April) at 60 baseline monitoring points (not affected by the man-made impact) and 109 control points. Also, 5 samples of snow were taken and analyzed at 5 subsoil blocks where BPA was performed.

Average values of determined snow cover (snow melt) indicators

Determined indicators	Unit	Average values of determined indicators				Average regional values (ARV)
		Baseline points		Control points		
		2020	2021	2020	2021	
pH value	pH units	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.6
Ammonium ion	mg/dm ³	<0.1	0.13	<0.1	0.11	0.24
Nitrate ion	mg/dm ³	1.37	1.2	1.33	1.3	1.04
Sulfate ion	mg/dm ³	1.16	1.78	1.12	1.8	1.48
Chloride ion	mg/dm ³	0.75	1.39	0.76	1.4	1.63
Oil products	mg/dm ³	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	0.046
Phenol	mg/dm ³	<0.0005	0.00068	<0.0005	0.00075	0.0026
Total iron	mg/dm ³	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	0.07
Lead	mg/dm ³	0.002	<0.001	0.0018	0.0014	0.0051
Zinc	mg/dm ³	0.0088	0.0057	0.0071	0.0065	0.019
Manganese	mg/dm ³	0.0016	<0.001	0.0016	<0.001	0.018
Nickel	mg/dm ³	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.0028
Chrome (VI)	mg/dm ³	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.008

There are no environmental standards set for snow cover. Snow cover quality appraisal was carried out on the basis of comparison of the average values of the results of quantitative chemical analysis of samples taken at monitoring checkpoints and points that are not affected by the man-made impact (baseline) as well as of the average regional values (ARV) obtained through the monitoring of snow cover in the territory of the autonomous okrug in the period of 2009-2019, and average values of 2020.

The average concentration of all controlled indicators in the snow samples taken at the control points does not exceed the values determined at baseline points and values set in 2020.

High concentration of nitrate ion is present in baseline points and checkpoints of monitoring against the ARV.

Thus, the comprehensive analysis of the results of environmental monitoring within subsoil blocks of “Surgutneftegas” PJSC for 2021 shows that the Company’s oil production facilities located within Khanty-Mansiysky Autonomous Okrug – Yugra, do not have a significant negative environmental impact. The overall characteristic of the environmental situation in the area where the Company operates is favorable.

The impact of the Company’s production facilities is characterized as acceptable, i.e. it maintains the quality of the environment.