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Monitoring the Environment Exposed to Road Waste

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Abstract. This study aimed to carry out a systematic analysis of the literature on the environmental impacts of waste resulting from year-round maintenance of roads (WMR) with deicing agents. The impacts on economic factors and the environment at all stages of the life cycle were systematically examined, taking into account the engineering and technological efficiencies, and the direct, indirect, prolonged and deferred effects. A structural-integral block-hierarchical model for monitoring and evaluating the impacts of WMR on the environment and on the industrial, social and economic system as a whole was developed. This incorporated the complex spatial-temporal industrial, biological, physical and chemical impacts of elements of the road infrastructure itself, as well as external conditions.

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1. Introduction

Investigation of the environmental-socio-economic consequences of the use of agents for the maintenance of economic objects is associated with the study as criteria environmental standards, and assessments of the balanced development of economic systems.

Determination of criteria for environmental regulation and assessment balanced development of economic systems is one of the least studied and priority issues of both economics and ecology.

2. Methodology

For the first time, a multi-level structure for analytical monitoring and assessment of environmental impacts of WMR was developed (Fig. 1) by an intelligent information CALS-system, in which, based on system research, impact indicators were allocated to a cluster architecture in the relationship of each of them with the appropriate analytical control methods and analytical equipment. The architecture for computer control of intellectual

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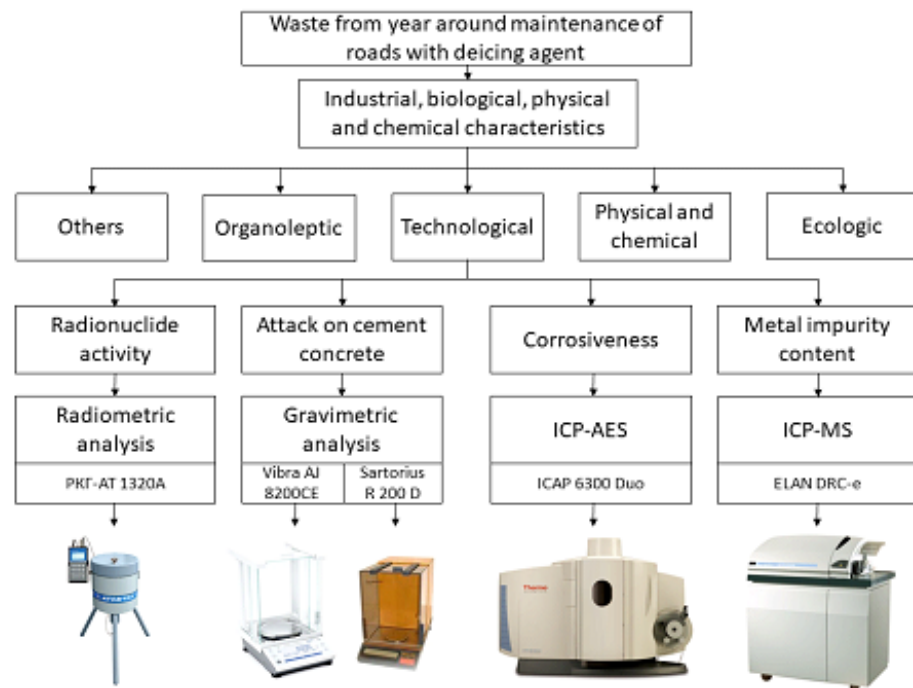


Figure 1: Structure of monitoring and assessment of environmental WMR impacts.

information in the following information sections was developed: industrial, biological, physical and chemical impact indicators; methods of analysis; analytical equipment [1]. Each of the factor-forming components of the WMR included in the system is evaluated by a number of indicators, grouped into four subcategories: organoleptic (appearance, color, smell, etc.), physical and chemical (mass fraction of soluble salts, grain composition, mass fraction of insoluble substances in water, hydrogen index, density, dynamic viscosity, etc.), technological (hygroscopy, slumping) and environmental (corrosiveness on metal, aggressive effect on cement concrete, activity of natural radionuclides, content of chemical substances (including heavy metals), etc.) [2].

3. Experimental

The analysis and description of the chemicals properties that are dangerous for the environment (including flora and fauna) and human health, which are part of agents for the maintenance of roads, was carried out. In the performance of the set of research works, the content of chemicals included in road maintenance agents in environmental objects was assessed, taking into account their migration and transformation in the environment (example in Table 1) [3].

TABLE 1: The content of pollutants depending on the distance from the road transport complex.

Characteristic	Road puddle	Road snow	Snow, 5 meters from the road	Snow, 20 meters from the road	Dynamic
Weight percentage of suspended substance, %	1	0,3	0,04	< 0,01	
Weight percentage of sodium chloride, %	0,87	0,21	0,013	0,0037	
Weight percentage of calcium chloride, %	0,28	0,06	0,0075	0,0022	
Weight percentage potassium chloride, %	0,002	0,0011	0,0001	< 0,0001	
Zink (gross content), mg/kg	1,7	1,4	0,53	< 5	
Nickel (gross content),mg/kg	0,1	0,1	0,06	< 2	
Copper (gross content), mg/kg	0,42	0,36	0,13	< 2	
Cobalt (gross content),mg/kg	0,06	0,05	0,02	< 0,5	
Chromium (gross content),mg/kg	0,13	0,12	0,04	< 5	
Selenium (gross content),mg/kg	< 0,05	< 0,05	< 0,05	< 0,5	
Lead (gross content), mg/kg	0,03	0,09	0,03	< 1	
Arsenic (gross content),mg/kg	< 0,05	< 0,05	< 0,05	< 0,5	
Molybdenum (gross content), mg/kg	0,01	0,01	< 0,01	< 1	
Mercury (gross content), mg/kg	< 0,05	< 0,05	< 0,05	< 0,2	
Cadmium (gross content),mg/kg	< 0,05	< 0,05	< 0,05	< 0,5	
Fluorine (gross content),mg/kg	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1	
Hydrogen index, unitpH	7,4	7,7	8,2	7,4	
Petroleumproducts, mg/dm	0,11	< 0,05	< 0,05	< 0,05	

Significant typical impact factors in the developed hierarchical structure for monitoring were classified and the main cause-and-effect relationships are identified for the further assessment of environmental and socio-economic consequences, taking into consideration the weight of each factor and the parametric dependencies of sub-criteria for each factor for a comparative assessment of alternative options. A method of systematic analysis of the socio-economic consequences of the use of agents for the maintenance of roads for accident-free road transport infrastructure and the safe life of society has been developed [4].

4. Conclusion

The system analysis of heuristic and computational tools for formalization of heterogeneous data and knowledge of the intellectual information system for multi-factor ecological, social and economic assessment and monitoring of the effects of waste from year-round maintenance of roads on economic facilities and the environment was carried out. Based on the analysis of the existing regulatory framework to monitor the impact on the environment in the process year around maintenance of roads it is justified the placement of the observation points depending on the road type, conditions of its placement, the factors that require thickening the number of observation points, an updated list of controlled pollutants on components of the natural environment, the recommended frequency of sampling in maintenance of roads of different categories.

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