

ENVIRONMENT

New Environmental Monitoring Centre Opens in Tashkent

A centre for monitoring environmental pollution has commenced operations in the capital of the Uzbekistan republic. Housed in a new multi-storey building are laboratories equipped with the latest types of imported and domestically manufactured equipment. Hitherto the hydrometeorological service of the republic has been able to monitor the content of 160 harmful compounds in the air, water and soil. From now on, this list will be greatly extended. In particular, it has become possible to determine the presence of the toxic substances generated when garbage is incinerated and herbicides are being applied. The immediacy with which the state of the environment is monitored will be greatly increased.

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The Price of Indiscriminate Felling - an Appeal for Reason

(An interview with the writer Lev Cherepanov, formerly Deputy Director of the Pashutina Timber Industry Combine "Boguchanles").

It is estimated that about twenty thousand essential articles are made from wood. However, it is often forgotten that the principal product of a