projects in which Canadian companies could participate, is not clear at this time.

Recommendation:

• PHL recommends that Embassy officials also meet with Mr. Mikheev in order to determine whether he or other officials at Roskomvod can provide specific information on wastewater treatment projects, or whether it would be more appropriate for he and Mr. Poriadin jointly to provide such information.

Contact:

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Position:

Chief, Department of Ecological Control and Analysis

MEPNR (see chart following page 31)

Remarks:

Mr. Lvov is the senior official under the authority of First Deputy Environment Minister Poriadin, responsible for environmental assessment and project monitoring. Mr. Lvov's department provides permits for the start-up of environmental projects, and monitors the environmental impact of the activities of industrial enterprises on the environment. During discussions with PHL, Mr. Lvov recommended that project proponents should initially contact officials in the State Committee on Environment for the region where their project is located to discuss their plans, and that these officials would subsequently consult with he and his colleagues before approving a project.