

- Contact: Victor Danilov-Danilyan (see chart following page 31)

Position: Minister of Environment Protection and Natural Resources

Remarks: A World Bank Project Steering Committee is being set up within the Russian government, to be chaired by Mr. Danilov-Danilyan. Other members of the Steering Committee are likely to include the Deputy Ministers or senior officials of other agencies such as the Minister of Fuel and Energy, the Russian Agency for International Cooperation and Development, and the State Committee on Water Resources. The exact responsibilities and final membership of this Committee have not yet been decided.

Embassy officials have already met with Mr. Danilov-Danilyan and will remain in contact with him.

- Contact: Alexander Averchenkov

Position: Deputy Minister, MEPNR (see chart following page 31)

Remarks: Mr. Averchenkov was repeatedly referred to by Russian officials and NGOs as the key decision-maker within the MEPNR. He heads the department responsible for economic analysis and industrial programs.

Officials at both the World Bank, and the MEPNR, believe that Mr. Averchenkov will become the head of the proposed National Pollution Abatement Fund to be set up under the Project. The NPAF will be designed to fund priority pollution abatement projects for credit-worthy