

Audit of the state budget funds allocated to the State Department of Environmental Protection and the State Environmental Inspections in Kharkiv and Sumy regions for implementation of the state policy in the field of environmental protection, rational use, recreation, protection of natural resources and state supervision (control) in this area

Audited entities: the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, the State Environmental Inspectorate of Ukraine, the State Administrations of Environmental Protection in Kharkiv and Sumy regions, the State Environmental Inspectorate in Kharkiv and Sumy regions.

Key findings:

The system of evaluation of the use of public funds allocated to the implementation of the state policy in the field of environmental protection, rational use, recreation and protection of natural resources, the state supervision (control) in this area is inefficient.

The normative-legal acts that regulate the legal and economic framework of environmental protection and determine the credentials of the executive bodies in this area are imperfect and uncoordinated.

The following issues are subject to adjustment and improvement: strengthening responsibility for violations of environmental legislation; full compensation and recovery of environmental damage; mechanism of application by the Departments of Environmental Protection of powers defined in their regulations, particularly in terms of suspension of permits.