

Report summary

The Performance audit report on management of the State Budget funds allocated for development and implementation of the **State Environment Monitoring System**.

The Performance audit report on management of the State Budget funds allocated for development and implementation of the **State Environment Monitoring System** was conducted from December 2015 to January 2016 by Accounting Chamber of Ukraine.

Auditees: **Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine**, State Agency for Water Resources, State Agency for Forestry, State Agency for Exclusion Zone Management, State Service of Geology and Mineral Resources, State Sanitary and Epidemiological Service, **State Ecological Inspection**.

The audit general outcomes:

The audit revealed that present legislation define it necessary to establish **State Environment Monitoring System** and its elements as a basis for effective decision making in this area.

Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine defined the procedures for environmental monitoring and its parts to be established and operated as well as its functioning priorities. Protection of critically important environmental interests of a person and society, maintenance of natural ecosystems, prevention of critical changes of environment and environmental emergencies.

However, due to incompliance of the procedures, in particular, where they concern the appointment of entities to provide monitoring and their responsibilities, the monitoring system establishment and operations are performed in a way that violates the principle of regulatory and methodological provisions which leads to incompliance of executive bodies with approved regulations and disbenefits building of integrated monitoring system and implementation of all objectives and duties by engaged agencies.

General problems of present environment monitoring networks include:

- Lack of regulations on environment monitoring where it concerns regulatory and methodological basis for all kinds of monitoring and lack of information exchange;
- Absence of sufficient justification as to the choice of monitoring points;
- Significant lack of modern laboratory devices and equipment and significant depreciation of those available;
- Lack of automated monitoring points and automated geospatial systems.

As a result, present environmental monitoring system fails to achieve the task it was established for and does not provide comprehensive, up-to-date and coherent information on the state of natural environment.