

## **Collecting, Processing and Presenting Water Statistics in the Republic of Belarus**

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**ABSTRACT:** The latest environmental changes observed in Belarus require more detailed and on-line information comprising measures aimed at keeping natural resources and improving their quality. In 1996 the Government approved the «National Strategy of Sustainable Development of the Republic of Belarus» (NSSD) where it is pointed out that «the Belarus Government recognized the necessity to move towards sustainable development that secures a harmonized solution of socio-economic targets and problems of environment conservation, aimed at satisfying the need of current and future generations».

At present, a system of statistical indicators characterizing the condition and pollution dynamic of the environment is used to describe the ecological situation in the Republic of Belarus. It consists of 10 subsystems, including one of the biggest – the water statistics. The water statistics includes collection, analysis and generation of data on quantitative and qualitative assessment of the state of water resources and the information relevant to water used by all types of users: industry, construction, transport, agriculture and other enterprises, organizations and institutions, legal entities and physical persons irrespective of their departmental subordination, ownership forms, water supply sources, sinks for wastewater.