

## Answers to Frequently Asked Questions from Citizens and Entrepreneurs (FAQ)

### 1. Question: Which types of activities are subject to State Ecological Expertise?

**Answer:** The following objects are subject to State Ecological Expertise:

- projects of state programs, concepts, and schemes for the placement and development of economic and social sectors;
- land allocation materials for all types of construction projects;
- pre-project and project documentation;
- draft regulatory, technical, and methodological documents governing activities related to the use of natural resources;
- documents related to the creation of new types of equipment, technologies, materials, substances, and products;
- operating enterprises and other facilities that negatively affect the environment and public health;
- all types of urban planning documents and planned economic or other activities that may pose environmental risks.

### 2. Question: What is the procedure for obtaining a State Ecological Expertise conclusion?

**Answer:** The period for conducting State Ecological Expertise generally does not exceed **30 days**. Depending on the complexity of the object, this period may be extended by the head of the authorized body for up to **two months**.

Upon completion of the expertise, a conclusion is issued indicating whether the project **may or may not be implemented**.

Key provisions:

- A project may not be financed or implemented without a positive conclusion.
  - In the event of a negative conclusion, the customer must eliminate deficiencies and resubmit the documents or abandon the planned activity.
  - The conclusion of State Ecological Expertise remains valid for **three years** from the date of issuance.
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### 3. Question: How is payment made for conducting State Ecological Expertise?

**Answer:** The amount of payment depends on the environmental impact category of the object:

- **Category I (high risk)** — 25 times the Basic Calculation Value (BCV);
- **Category II (medium risk)** — 15 times the BCV;
- **Category III (low risk)** — 7.5 times the BCV;
- **Category IV (local impact)** — 0.5 times the BCV.

Additionally:

- For regulatory and technical documents, the fee amounts to **30%** of the fee established for the corresponding category.
- For documents concerning new technologies and equipment — **30 BCV**.
- For projects designed for more than 50,000 residents and certain territorial materials — **70 BCV**.
- For urban planning documentation for projects intended for up to 50,000 residents — **25 BCV**.

Payment for State Ecological Expertise is made by the customer through authorized banks, including via **electronic payment systems**.

### 4. Question: How can the category of an activity be determined?

**Answer:** The category of an activity is determined in accordance with **Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 541 "On Further Improvement of the Environmental Impact Assessment Mechanism."**

Activities are classified into the following categories:

- **Category I** — high risk;
- **Category II** — medium risk;
- **Category III** — low risk;
- **Category IV** — local impact.

The category is determined based on the approved list of activities.

### 5. Question: What is the validity period of a State Ecological Expertise conclusion?

**Answer:**

- Environmental Impact Assessment conclusions are valid for **three years**;
- Conclusions on environmental standards projects are valid for **five years**.

The deadlines for reviewing revised materials are as follows:

- for **Category I** facilities — up to 10 calendar days;
- for **Category II** facilities — up to 7 calendar days;
- for **Category III** facilities — up to 5 calendar days;
- for **Category IV** facilities — up to 3 calendar days.

## 6. Question: What documents must be submitted for State Ecological Expertise?

**Answer:** The customer shall submit the following documents:

- a draft Statement on Environmental Impact;
- a Statement on Environmental Consequences;
- Environmental Impact Assessment materials in cases provided for by legislation.

## 7. Question: What are public hearings and how are they conducted?

**Answer:** Public hearings (public environmental expertise) may be conducted at the initiative of non-governmental non-profit organizations and citizens regarding any activity that requires environmental justification.

Key provisions:

- Obstruction of public environmental expertise is prohibited.
- It may be conducted regardless of whether State Ecological Expertise is carried out.
- The conclusion of public environmental expertise is **advisory in nature**.

**Note:** These answers have been prepared in accordance with the current legislation in the field of ecology and environmental protection. If amendments are made to the legislation, the relevant requirements may also change.