

ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLIC SEWAGE SYSTEM

LEGAL BASIS

The survey is carried out pursuant to the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2013-2017 and the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska", No. 85/03).

METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

Aim and content

The aim of this survey is to provide annual data on municipal wastewater, as well as data on type and length of the sewage network and devices for wastewater purification.

Observation units/Reporting units

Data on the public sewage system are submitted by public municipal services which run the public sewage system, i.e. those that are engaged in the collection, transport, discharge and purification of wastewater, as well as by enterprises that have a unit engaged in this activity in their composition.

Coverage

This survey covers all business entities registered on the territory of Republika Srpska, which run the public sewage system.

Method and period of data collection

Collection of data within this survey is carried out using the reporting method. Reporting units fill out the questionnaire on the basis of their book-keeping records and technical documentation and based on professional estimate in cases when the necessary documentation and records are not available. Such completed questionnaires are submitted by reporting units to the regional office of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics until 1st March of the current year for the previous year.

Protection of confidential data

Only aggregate data for the level of Republika Srpska are published. Confidential data are protected pursuant to Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska", No. 85/03) and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data.

Definitions of main features – indicators

Public sewage system is a network of drains and pipes for drainage of wastewater and atmospheric waters from settlements.

Primary treatment represents the first degree of purification of wastewater, through physical and/or chemical processes.

Secondary treatment represents the second degree of purification of wastewater, through biological processes.

Tertiary treatment represents the third degree of purification of wastewater, through which phosphorus and/or nitrogen are eliminated after secondary treatment.

Length of sewage collection network is the length of closed street drains or pipes for drainage of wastewater and atmospheric waters from settlements, excluding the length of connections and networks in homes.

Main sewer is a collection drain which drains wastewater from an entire settlement or its part to the device for water purification or to the water recipient.

Sewer connection is the connection between the object and street sewage system or the connection between objects through which household wastewater gets into the sewage network.

Street gullies are objects connected to the sewage network, mainly at street crossroads, which receive atmospheric waters from street surfaces, squares, etc.

Compliance with international recommendations and standards

This survey is carried out in accordance with the requirements of the joint OECD/Eurostat questionnaire on inland waters and the UNSD/UNEP questionnaire – environment statistics.

IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION

Authorities implementing the statistical survey

Authorised producer of indices of data on consumption is the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics. Collection of data is carried out in the regional offices of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics, while entry and processing of data are the responsibility of the Division for Production Statistics of the Institute.

Obligation to provide data

Reporting units are obliged to submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics pursuant to the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska.

Implementation frequency

Reporting units are obliged to submit data to the relevant regional office of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics until 1st March for the previous year. Data are published annually, on 1st September.

INSTRUMENTS

Questionnaire

The questionnaire “Annual report on public sewage system – VOD-2K” is used to carry out this survey and it is available at the official website of the Institute, at:

http://www.rzs.rs.ba/static/uploads/obraci/zastita_zivotne_sredine/Obrazac_VOD_2K.pdf

PUBLISHING

Data are published in the annual release “Public sewage system”, as well as in the Statistical Yearbook and in the publication “This is Republika Srpska”.

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