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## • ENVIRONMENTAL LOADS

### Key questions and key findings

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- What is the documented scope of environmental loads?

#### ◆ Key findings

- As of the end of 2010, the total of 924 probable environmental loads was recorded in Slovakia, and 246 existing environmental loads.

### Present situation in the area of environmental loads and its solutions

In 2010, the Slovak Government Regulation no. 153/2010 approved the **National Programme of Remediation of Environmental Loads** representing a strategic document in this area for the years 2010 - 2015. It sets out priorities for environmental loads policy that are to be complied with through objectives and individual activities broken up into short-term, medium-term, and long-term time horizons.

On 05/08/2010, **Resolution of the Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic No. 340/2010** was adopted, which amends the Resolution 51/2008 executing the Geology Act. The mentioned amended Resolution provides detailed characteristics of the geological survey of the environment (including the survey and inspection of probable environmental loads or existing environmental loads, and once confirmed the existence of one, actual and potential risks of the environmental load are assessed in view of the present and future use of territories, and the geological documentation for proposed remediation of the environmental load are gathered). Next, definitions for environmental loads and environmental loads system are provided. Annex to Resolution contains an analysis of risks imposed by the polluted area.

Works on the draft of the **act on selected measures in the area of environmental loads and on amendments to selected laws** started in 2010.

Works that aimed to support initiatives in the area of environmental loads remediation through the funds obtained from the **Operation Programme of Environment** were completed for two projects:

- **Regional studies of environmental loads impact assessment for selected regions**, SEA (2008 - 2010)
- **Atlas of the remediation methods**, SGI (2008 - 2010)

Works on the project of **Completion of the environmental loads information system** still continued (SEA, 2008 - 2013). The project's aim is to complete the environmental loads information system, including its connectedness to other IS, as well as to implement an awareness-raising campaign regarding the system.

As of the end of 2010, the information system of environmental loads contained **924 probable and 246 existing environmental loads, and 696 remedied and recultivated sites**.