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**INFORMATIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS
OF MODERN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IN UKRAINE**

One of the most pressing problems of modern social life of our country is to provide legal protection and environmental rights of man and the citizen. According to Art. 16 of the Constitution of Ukraine, environmental security and the maintenance of environmental balance in Ukraine, elimination of the results of Chornobyl disaster – the catastrophe of global scale, preserving the gene pool of the Ukrainian people is the responsibility of the state.

Summarizing the above, there are sufficient grounds to state that the issue of protection of environmental information rights of man and the citizen in modern social and political conditions of Ukraine is in the spotlight of both legal science and public authorities. Environmental policies, programs and strategic plans are attributes of the system of environmental management and strategic environmental planning as one of the main functions of the system of environmental management. In our opinion, the state environmental information policy should have a clear systematic approach and its components must be specific political, economic, legal and other measures for the effective management of the environmental situation in the interests of man and the citizen.

However, the number of legal acts in the field of environmental protection, and therefore, protection of environmental and civil rights confirms the plausibility of the idea of expediency and necessity of codification of environmental law in general and the protection of informational rights of individuals in particular.

Given the polarity of scientific views on the legal regulation of environmental relations, the problem of its implementation remains a pressing problem in the future encouraging scientific research and improving the mechanism of legal protection of environmental rights of man and the citizen. The basic document for the development and improvement of environmental laws, except the Constitution of Ukraine, should be the Basic Principles (Strategy) of State Environmental Policy of Ukraine till 2020, providing, inter alia, creation of the national informational system of environmental protection.

