

## Chapter 9

# Environmental Awareness and Feedback

In 1998, the Information Analysis Center was established in the framework of the Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia. The provision of environmental information is among the goals of the Center. The Center has supported the installation of a local computer network in the Ministry: the network allows the distribution of quarterly information on activities implemented in all the Ministry's sub-divisions. Daily weather forecasts are posted on the network. Monitoring center data on air and water basins are available on the network. In 2002, the Information Analysis Center developed a Ministry web site ([www.mnpiac.am](http://www.mnpiac.am)) that provides information about the Ministry, its activities and environmental measures implemented, as well as other environmental information. In this web site there is a link to another site (Erevan-eko) containing information on Yerevan's urban environmental situation. This site is widely used by students and NGOs for additional information.

In 2002, the Public Environmental Information Center was established adjacent to the Ministry of Nature Protection, in collaboration with the OSCE and with the financial support of the US, British and German Embassies and the Yerevan office of UNDP. The Information Analysis Center supports the Public Environmental Information Center in its activities. In the Public Environmental Information Center, environmental information is available to the broad public via Internet, printed materials and diskettes. Additional information is provided by request. Internet, copying and computer services as well as a collection of video films are available in the center.

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