



Nornickel's production sites will participate in a pilot project introducing an automatic air quality monitoring system in Russia. The initiative will be part of the Environment national project and will grow nationwide. The agreement was signed today in the presence of Viktoria Abramchenko, Deputy Prime Minister, and Vladimir Potanin, Nornickel President.

The parties are Nornickel and Russian Environmental Operator (REO), a public-law company. The document sets up a comprehensive waste management system for municipal solid waste. It was signed by Stanislav Seleznev, Nornickel Vice President for Ecology and Industrial Safety, and Denis Butsaev, General Director of REO.

The document introduces an automated monitoring system for pollutant emissions by the Company's facilities, and provides for atmospheric air monitoring in the residential districts of Norilsk. The project is set to identify different types of emission sources and a list of specific substances, to install and test equipment, and to develop information transfer protocols. Based on the data obtained, appropriate regulations will be drafted and approved. This will contribute to delivering the Environment national project's objective of equipping each emission source at production sites with metering devices that will transmit online readings to the state authorities.

Stanislav Seleznev, Vladimir Potanin, Viktoria Abramchenko and Denis Butsaev at the signing ceremony

"The data on the state of atmospheric air today is generated in 'manual mode'. Our task is to create a unified system that will automatically record emissions, eliminating the human factor. To do this, specialised sensors will be installed at industrial sites and city air quality monitoring stations. The experiment to create a system to record pollutant emissions will begin in 2022, and its results will form the basis of an integrated environmental system across the country," commented Deputy Prime Minister Victoria Abramchenko.

"Nornickel is interested in developing an atmospheric air monitoring system both in the cities of our operations and countrywide. Currently, implementing such a project all across Russia from scratch is challenging, as the regulatory framework is still immature, and uniform methods and standards are missing. Our monitoring system, which is open to anyone willing to assess air quality near Nornickel's operations, is now ready for launch. Besides, we are ready to share our expertise to be used in the experiment whose outcome will later benefit the entire country," Vladimir Potanin commented on the launch of the pilot.

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