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The article considers the issue of environmental pollution from the point of view of legal ecology. It analyzes the statistical data provided by the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus and the Grodno Regional Committee of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. It emphasizes the importance of joint actions of specialists from different fields for the effective implementation of a comprehensive set of legal, economic, organizational measures to prevent the commission of administrative offenses and environmental pollution.

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The main environmental problems of our time include global environmental pollution. Currently, there is scientific evidence that pollution is the largest environmental cause of disease and death in the world today and the cause of 9 million premature deaths [1]. Pollution may occur in relation to certain components of the natural environment, which are listed in the legal act of the Republic of Belarus "Environmental Protection" [2].

It is important to note that the total amount of pollutant emissions into the air, including from stationary sources of emissions, is growing every year. So, in accordance with the data provided by the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus, in 2017 the amount of such emissions amounted to 453,4 thousand tons, and in 2016 – 453,1 thousand tons [3]. In particular, the amount of emissions from stationary sources of the following types of economic activity increased: "Production of wood and paper products; printing activities and replication of recorded media" from 7,5 thousand tons to 8,8 thousand tons, "Transport activities, warehousing, postal and courier activities" from 23,0 thousand tons to 29,2 thousand tons.

At the same time, the number of committed administrative environmental offenses is also increasing. In connection with the data provided by the Grodno Regional Committee of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, for the 2nd quarter of 2019 (January-June 2019), in the territory of the Grodno region there were committed 544 administrative offenses [4], in accordance with the entered into force decisions on imposing administrative penalties. Among the array of offenses for the first half of 2019 under article 15.48 of the Code of Administrative Offenses ("Air Pollution") there were committed 40 unlawful acts, under article 15.51 of the Code of Administrative Offenses ("Pollution or clogging of waters") - 10, under Part 2 of article 15.30 of the Code of Administrative Offenses ("Pollution of forests and other trees and shrubs") - 9. The most frequently committed administrative offenses in the field of waste management are 239 decisions on bringing to administrative responsibility (44% of the total number of decisions on cases concerning administrative environmental offenses). The danger of committing offenses in this area is that the results of the accumulation of waste are a source of pollution of atmospheric air, ground and surface water, soil and vegetation, as well as harm to human health and agriculture.

Thus, in order to preserve the environment and determine suitable methods for preventing the commission of administrative environmental offenses in the field of waste management and pollution of individual components of the natural environment, it is required a more detailed clarification of the causes and conditions for the commission of these offenses. At the same time, an interdisciplinary approach is also required: the application of joint efforts of specialists from various fields for the effective implementation of a comprehensive set of legal, economic, and organizational measures.

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