To: Mr. Robert Kurkjian From: Vardan Tserunyan

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During the last contract period (4/01/96 - 9/30/96) Dr. Aram Gabrielian (RA Ministry of Environment) was involved in the cooperative project "Complex Evaluation of the Air Basin Pollution Level Based on Economic and Ecological Criteria" together with ERMC Research Assistant Agassi Manoukian. In this project the method elaborated by Dr. Aram Gabrielian and Dr. Vardan Tserunian has been used.

The results of this project is recommended for the use in the sphere of state management of atmospheric protection.

This project is planned to be continued in 1997.

Mr. Yurik Poghossian (RA State Department of Statistics) presented a report "Condition of Environmental Statistics and Generalization of Environmental Priorities for the Republic of Armenia". The report contains the analysis of Environmental Statistics based on original data from ministries, departments, enterprises and other departmental agencies. This report has an objective to define and specify the main environmental problems and suggestions have been made on complex means for their solution. The main priority fields emphasized in the report are:

- i. Conservation of Land Resources and their Rational Use;
- ii. Conservation and Use of Water Resources;
- iii. Protection of Air Basin;
- iv. Interior (Mineral Resources):
- v. Wildlife Protection and Conservation (fish resources);
- vi. Solid Waste;
- vii. The List of Industrial Enterprises (by regions and ministries).

Dr. Michael Vermishev submitted his regular report "Analysis of Environmental Settings and the Main Trends of Environmentally Sustainable Development" according to Dr. Aram Gabrielian's assignment for AUA ERMC. The main issues analyzed and discussed in the report are:

- i. The Traits of the Natural Complex;
- ii. Characterization and Allocation of Production Forces, Ecological Tension;
- iii. Habitat: Natural Resource and Environmental Features;
- iv. Analysis of the Land Resources.

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