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The process of environmental inspection by the Environmental Protection and Mining Inspection Body of Armenia

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Back in **2009** inspection reforms started in Armenia

Processes improving legislation and cooperating with international structures

In **2017** Environmental Protection and Mining Inspection Body was established.

Publicity

Transparency

Accountability

Conscientiousness

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Structure of the Environmental Protection and Mining Inspection Body (EPMIB) of RA

EPMIB has 194 employees within the following departments and divisions:

- Department of Water, Atmosphere, Soil, Waste and Hazardous Substances Control
- Department of Subsoil Control
- Department of Biodiversity Control
- Department of Legal Support and Documentation Flow
- Department of Risk Assessment and Analysis
- Department of Quality Assurance
- Division of Laboratory Research
- Division of Awareness and Public Affairs
- 11 Regional-Territorial Divisions (including Yerevan)

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Environmental Protection and Mining Inspection Body of RA (EPMIB)

- EPMIB is a state body under the Government of the Republic of Armenia, implementing control and other functions defined by law, applies measures of responsibility in the field of environmental protection.

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Tasks of Environmental Protection and Mining Inspection Body are:

- Managing risks in the field of environmental protection and subsoil control, implementing control over compliance with the requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Armenia, as well as organizing preventive measures within the framework of the implemented control
- Implementing measures to prevent or reduce the negative impact on the environment, irrational use of natural resources

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Environmental Protection and Mining Inspection Body's control directions are:

- Atmosphere
- Water resources
- Soil
- Subsoil
- Waste
- Flora and Fauna

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Main bodies responsible for policy making and compliance with the requirements of legislation in the field of environment are:

- Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia
- Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia

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