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ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES FOR PROTECTION OF THE RAILWAY FROM EXOGENOUS PROCESSES

Summary. The paper focuses on the reduction of negative effects on the railway exogenous processes (sand bars, landslides, etc.). Proposed to introduce a system of design, construction and operation of natural and technical objects set of organizational and technical measures, consisting of techniques: the choice of method, to map the distribution of exogenous events, the development of a program of measures for the protection and the optimization of the work program, assess the quality and effectiveness. Methodological elements are developed by the author of the complex method of risk assessment exogenous expression and scale of priorities of road elements of the defense.

ОРГАНИЗАЦИОННЫЕ МЕРОПРИЯТИЯ ДЛЯ ЗАЩИТЫ ЖЕЛЕЗНЫХ ДОРОГ ОТ ЭКЗОГЕННЫХ ПРОЦЕССОВ

Аннотация. Статья посвящена вопросам снижения негативного воздействия на железнодорожный путь экзогенных процессов (песчаные заносы, оползни, обвалы и др.). Для этого предлагается ввести в систему проектирования, строительства и эксплуатации природно-технических объектов комплекс организационно-технологических мероприятий, реализуемых в следующей логической последовательности: составление карты распространения экзогенного явления; выбор способов защиты; разработка программы реализации защитных мероприятий, ее оптимизация; оценка качества и результативности работ. Методологическими элементами комплекса являются разработанные автором методики оценки опасности экзогенного проявления и приоритетов элементов дороги на защиту.

Natural and technical systems (NTS), for example, railways, roads, pipelines are under constant threat of negative impact on them exogenous processes (physical and geological phenomena) [1-4]. Common to exogenous processes is weathering, which has various manifestations. In the sandy desert it is a deflation - moving and sorting of sand by the wind [5-11]. Sandy flow encountering obstacles in its path under certain conditions, seek to destroy them, which leads to blowing of roadbed of railways and roads [12]. Obstacles in turn change the flow parameters of sandy flow and primarily its speed. Reduced speed below a certain limit results in the deposition of sand stream [13], which leads to drifts of NTS. In the mountains weathering leads to the formation of the monolith of boulders, stones, sand and smaller sized entities, which under certain conditions are set in motion in the direction with less than the strength of their holding, resistance, which leads to manifestations in the form of rockfalls, landslides, mudslides [14, 15]. As a result of all these manifestations of exogenous processes disrupted
the normal functioning of the NTS [12-15]. Obviously, reducing the negative impact of these manifestations is one of the urgent tasks of ensuring security of land transportation. Therefore, it is required to perform specific construction activities.

Implementation of these measures has an integrated feature, primarily works on construction of reliable protection [16, 17]. Reliability of protection provided by the choice of technological solutions appropriate to local conditions [18-20]. However, the quality of protective structures - this is only part of measures to reduce the negative impact of exogenous effect on transport facilities. Besides technological content it is also important organizational activities. Thus, reducing the negative impact of exogenous displays on transport facility - a complex of organizational and technological measures.

With this aim a comprehensive system of engineering preparation of works for protection of NTS from EP (EP PW NTS EP) [21] was developed including the following sub-systems: study of the new and replenishment of the technological solutions park; protection design through identification of the construction-technological characteristics of conditions (CTCE) and modes (CTCM) PW EP; organizational-technological preparation of works to protect NTS from EP.

Replenishment of the technological solutions park is undertaken in two stages. At the first stage, by using the express method a study is taken to identify technological feasibility of the mode, protection with the required characteristics. The positive outputs ensure sustainability of the protection to the specific load.

At the second stage the construction-technological characteristics of the mode (CTCM) are studied, standards are developed, particularly, labor and material-technical resource costs.

The width of the protection placement is identified during the designing depending on the retention of the annual exogenous deposits. With this aim the cumulative ability of the applied mode is to be identified. NTS or PC NTS protection map is a basis for the development of the monitoring-technological programs (MTP).

MTP PW EP (fig. 2) can be started upon availability of the PC NTS design.

The map of the works to protect NTS from EP is a plan with the outlines of the NTS and the operating zones detailed by the sectors, used materials, as well as the drawings of the protection facilities, scope of work with the identification of the drift extent. These data are the basis of the monitoring-technological program for the works on NTS protection form EP. The scope of work within MTP NTS EP is provided in groups. The following is used as a grouping tool:

- classification of the EP negative impacts on NTS (NTS EP CNI). For instance, in case of sand drifts this means the qualitative condition of the NTS depending on the railways condition. Sand drifts are the function of the numerous factors (speed, direction, frequency of the wind, material and height of the fill (depth of the hollow), nearby plants, materials and many others). It is pretty difficult to quantify the extent of the sand drifts. Hence the classification is given in regards to the visual assessment of the space between the rails, which can be done during the inspection of the railways (table 1);
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- NTS elements priority scale for protection from EP (NTS EPPS). In case of the railways the expert method identifies 5 elements scale, depending on the NTS elements in ensuring operational security (table 2). MTP PNTS EP program is an initial sequence of protection facilities designed on MM NTS EP map.

Fig. 2. Organizational - technological preparation work for the protection of NTS EP

Table 1

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Upper railway condition depending on the sand drifts</th>
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<td>I</td>
<td>The space between the rails is drifted by the sand, over 50 per cent of the cross-ties and rails height is covered by sand</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>In the space between the rails the rail bottom is covered by the sand, cross-ties in the middle part are dusted</td>
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<td>The space between the rails is slightly dusted, the sand is not observed visually</td>
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<th>Priority</th>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>Switches on the main line</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Main lines on the straight sections</td>
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<td>Switches on the other lines</td>
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<td>Small artificial constructions</td>
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<td>Stationary lines except the main line</td>
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The annual work program for the protection of NTS sand drifts, which presents the composition of the work after optimization can significantly reduce the total period of the works. For optimization MTP PNTS EP developed a method based on dynamic programming. As a limitation, the amount of annual funding supports work to protect NTS from EP.

The optimized PW program is the basis for the follow up scientific support to PW production, particularly for identification of the required materials (for instance, binding ones) and technical resources (machines and devices).

The important component of the PW scientific support is the product quality monitoring. The monitoring methodology provides the aggregated criterion of the PW quality, which is the accuracy of the technological parameters (1) [2].

$$T_M = \frac{m - \bar{M}}{\sigma^2} + R,$$

where: $m$ - normative permissible variation; $\sigma_M$ - standard deviation of the errors of the aggregated indices of the technological process quality; $R$ - smoothness of the surface coverage with the bidding substance, Assessed visually ($R=1$ – the smoothness is achieved; $R=0$ – gaps are available).

Given that the quality is a set of the product characteristics which stipulate the usability, depending on its purpose, to satisfy specific needs and based on the precondition that the quality criteria are to be identified easily, and their quality is limited for more convenient application, the quality assessment methodology is developed as a complex of interrelated parameters characterizing all WCS stages (fig. 3). In this regard the aggregated quality criteria are identified.

![Fig. 3. Model quality control work to consolidate the sand (WCS) quality control model](image)

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<td>Good</td>
<td>$2,5 \cdot T_M \leq 3,0$</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Excellent</td>
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In practice the following product characteristics conform with the rating marks:

**Excellent** – in case the work is done with specific accuracy and skill, all the quality criteria identified by the PPW design are met, the exploitation parameters are better the initially designed while the cost of work, labor and material were not increased. Smoothness is achieved, \( R = 1 \).

**Good** – in case the work is done in line with the design, \( R = 1 \).

**Satisfactory** – in case the work is done with minor departures from the design but does not worsen the exploitation quality of the fixed sand cover, \( R = 1 \), wand in case the planned costs are increased by up to 10%. The efficiency of the set of activities on which the theory of groups is based is estimated by the efficiency criterion and is undertaken upon completion of a specific period of time during the nearest object inspection.

The final stage of the WCS scientific support is the methodology of efficiency assessment. On the contrary to the quality assessment the efficiency is assessed upon completion of a certain period of time, for instance during the nearest object inspection. Only improvement of the railway condition, assessed by the reduction of the sand drift, results in lower risks of descent and/or condition of the upper railway construction. Based on the group theory [3] the railway WCS efficiency is estimated as the following (2)

\[
\alpha = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k} p_i \cdot n_i}{n \cdot k}, \text{ where } n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \cdots + n_k = n
\]

Table 4

**Assessment of the PPW efficiency**

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The criterion identifies the ratio of the length of the section within the specific drift category in the year of estimation to the length of the section within the same category in the baseline year. The baseline is the year of the works implementation which efficiency is being estimated. For each extent of the sand drifts the following is true: \( n_i = \frac{l_i}{l_{iâ}} \), where \( i = III, II, I \) - is the drift extent. By
replacing the effectiveness notion \( \alpha \) with the efficiency criterion \( E_i \) for the terms of classification of the railways condition by three categories \( k = n = 3 \), given that the ratio is \( p_1 < p_2 < p_3 \) and, admitting that for the elementary case \( p_1 = 1; \ p_2 = 2; \ p_3 = 3 \), the formula (2) will be (3)

\[
E_i = \frac{I_{III} + 2I_{II} + 3I_I}{nk} = \frac{I_{III} + 2I_{II} + 3I_I}{9} 
\]

where: \( I_{III}, I_{II}, I_I \) — dimensionless quantity reflecting the changes in the sand drift category in the year \( t \), when the estimation is undertaken; \( l_{III}, l_{II}, l_I \) — respectively the length of the sections by categories in the estimation year and the baseline year.

Generalization of the above leads to the following conclusions:

1. The complex organizational and technological system that allows to reduce the negative impact of the manifestations of exogenous processes on railways and roads, consisting of research, design and production subsystems and including a number of techniques used in the mutual communication at different stages of addressing the protection and safety conditions of construction and operation of natural technical systems of exogenous processes.

2. Study subsystem is intended to replenish the bank technology solutions. To this end, research is carried out in two stages. In the first phase rapid method detected the use of technological solutions for the detected values aggregated construction and technological characteristics, and then conducted a detailed study and identification of other construction and technological characteristics for use in the design.

3. Project subsystem consists of mapping techniques spread manifestations of exogenous processes on the basis of zoning maps and contingency plans drawn up in the area, a choice of ways to protect the identity construction and technological characteristics of the local conditions and technological solutions, calculation of parameters and design protection, determine the resources required.

4. Production subsystem includes the development of the annual work program and optimize them according to the degree of development and manifestation of exogenous process priority to the protection of natural and technical elements of the system in the context of limited resources, quality of work and evaluation of the effectiveness of work performed to reduce the expression of the exogenous processes.

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