

Audit report on the efficiency of execution of the flood protection programs

From time to time Ukraine suffers from floods that cause substantial economic losses and pose a threat to the health and lives of people. On July 23 – 27, 2008 a powerful flood in the Carpathian Mountains caused considerable damages to the economy of the region and its population and took away lives of 39 people. It speaks about inefficiency of the existing system for the flood protection.

Having audited the existing system for the flood protection the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine revealed the causes of drawbacks in its functioning. These, among others, are:

- The costs allocated from the state budget during previous years were not sufficient to do all the necessary maintenance and repair works. Thus, the aim of such allocations, i.e. protection from the destructive effect of floods and preventing impoundment, was not reached.
- Designs of building schemes and systems of flood protection were not available. Absence of such documents makes it impossible to create efficient system for the flood protection and reduces to zero the major works to construct and rehabilitate the objects of the floods protection.
- Due planning of the use of public money allocated to the floods protection programs was not provided; etc.

Based on the audit findings the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine developed a number of recommendations in order to create an efficient mechanism of implementation of the floods protection programs.