

Study of the atmospheric processes effect on the chemical composition of atmospheric precipitation o

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Regarding the natural water of Republic of Uzbekistan – the atmospheric precipitation are less studied in relation to their chemical composition. This is caused by their spatial and temporal variability. Nevertheless, precipitation composition is in general typical for this location and presents the type of geographical latitudes. Mineralization and ionic composition are zonal characteristics.

In general, the formation of chemical composition of atmospheric precipitation is determined by the influence of the marine aquatory, of soil-and-geological, cosmic, orographic, climatic, physical-and-chemical, biological and local anthropogenic factors. The investigation of the trends of changes in the chemical composition of precipitation falling out on the territory of Uzbekistan presents a significant practical interest.

The peculiar features of the atmospheric circulation in Central Asia depend to a large extent on the physical and-geographical conditions of the territory. The western part of Central Asia is occupied with deserts and steppes of which are higher than 200-250 m. The eastern part is occupied with the highest (in CIS countries) mountain systems the separate peaks of which are higher than 7000 m a.s.l.

Turan Lowland is open for the cold air masses intrusions which come without any obstruction from the north-north-west during the whole year intensifying at the same time the extremely continental climate peculiar to the region. It is also open for the western air masses fronts from the moderate latitudes of the Atlantic Ocean. The wall of Himalayas, Hindukush, mountain ranges of Pamir and Tien Shan almost isolate Central Asia from the moisture inflow from the south and south-east from the part of Indian Ocean though this reservoir of the air masses is the nearest to the region.

Tashkent province was selected as the object for study because it is peculiar for its arid climate, complex relief, and high urbanization rate. In such urbanized zone the content of the sulfur and nitrogen compounds in the atmospheric air is almost completely determined by the anthropogenic emission. In the industrial and regional zone the anthropogenic contribution exceeds the input of the natural sources while the natural turns to be the determinative one in the geochemically clean zone.

The aim of our studies was the investigation of the possible influence of the synoptic processes' types on the chemical composition of atmospheric precipitation in the urbanized regions. We calculated the percentage frequency of types of synoptic processes over the territory of Tashkent province. The frequency of synoptic processes' types varies from year to year. The highest percentage is registered for the 10th type – (the air mass intrusion from the west), then the 7th type is – wave activity in the cold front), then the 1st type is (Caspian cyclone) and the 2nd one (Murgab cyclone). The rest processes are observed rarely and not every year.

The methodology of studies has included the statistic data processing by the types of synoptic processes, comparison of the resulted data with the chemical composition of the one-time taken precipitation samples which characterize specific meteorological situations.

At the same time, the percentage correlation between the maximum sulfate concentrations in the one-time taken atmospheric precipitation samples and their relationships with synoptic processes were investigated. The calculation of correlation factors has shown the homogeneity of the processes over the whole studied territory. High frequency of the maximum values of sulfate concentrations in these processes is observed during winter when the maximum precipitation amount falls out on the studied territory. This proves the possibility of pollutants' washing out from the atmosphere as in winter the accumulation of products of the sulphur dioxide transformation to sulfates in atmosphere at the expense of the pollutants' emissions from the local emission sources to atmosphere takes place.

Thus, at the background of the typical synoptic process in precipitation samples taken in the different points of the investigated territory the inhomogeneity of ionic composition is observed.