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# RISK ASSESSMENT WITH THE USE OF THE MONTE-CARLO METHOD

Purpose. This work involves the development of a numerical model for the calculation of chemical contamination zones in the event of ammonia accident at the pumping station, as well as a model for assessing the risk of damage and wound depth in the body in case of fragments scattering formed during the pipeline explosion at the pumping station. **Methodology.** To solve this problem, we used the mass transfer equation for the ammonia propagation in the air. A potential flow model is used to calculate the air flow velocity field in the presence of buildings at the ammonia pumping station. The numerical solution of the three-dimensional equation for the velocity potential is derived by the cumulative approximation method. When using this numerical model, the irregular field of wind flow velocity, the change in vertical atmospheric diffusion coefficient with altitude, the ammonia emission intensity, the emission point of the chemical substance were taken into account. A differential splitting scheme was used to numerically solve the ammonia transfer equation in the air. Physical splitting of the three-dimensional mass transfer equation to a system of equations describing the contaminant transfer in one coordinate direction is carried out beforehand. At each step of splitting, the unknown value of ammonia concentration is determined by an explicit scheme of point-to-point computation. A mathematical model for calculating the fragments scattering in case of emergency at the pumping station is considered. Findings. On the basis of the developed numerical model, a computational experiment was conducted to estimate the level of air pollution at the ammonia pumping station. The area of possible damage of people during the fragment scattering during the explosion at the ammonia pumping station was determined. Originality. A numerical model has been developed that allows calculating the chemical contamination zones in case of emergency ammonia emission at the pumping station. The model is complemented by assessment of impact zones in case of fragment scattering during the pumping station explosion. Practical value. Based on the developed mathematical model, a computer program was created, which allows performing serial calculations for determining the impact zones during emergency situations at the chemically hazardous objects. The mathematical model developed can be used to perform serial calculations during the development of emergency response plan for chemically hazardous objects.

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#### Introduction

The emission of chemically hazardous substances during industrial accidents poses a threat to the lives of employees of these enterprises and the population at all. In this regard, an extremely important problem is the injury risk assessment in the event of such man-made accidents. To solve the problems of this class, a number of parameters are essentially plausible, such as the intensity of the chemical substance emission. This forces to use the models representing the probability of one or another parameter, in addition to deterministic mathematical models. Therefore, the scientific direction of the mathematical models development for predicting the environmental pollution level in case of emergency emission of chemically dangerous substances is of practical interest. This makes it possible in a certain way to take into account the probability of a number of parameters that affect the formation of chemical contamination zones.

To assess the risk of human injury at chemically hazardous objects [1, 2, 4, 6–9], as a rule two approaches are used. They are a Gaussian model or a normative technique used in the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SES). Based on these approaches, one can quickly determine the extent of chemical contamination zones, but they have a number of significant disadvantages, for example, they do not take into account the influence of buildings. In connection with this creation of mathematical models that allow quick determining the dimensions of chemical contamination zones and the risk of damage to humans is an urgent task [10-13]. The chemical damage risk is defined as an area where the concentration of a chemically dangerous substance exceeds the maximum allowable concentration (MAC).

#### **Purpose**

The main purpose of the work is the development of a numerical model for quick prediction of chemical contamination zones in case of accidental ammonia emission at the pumping station, as well as the development of a model for the damage risk assessment and the depth of wound in the event of fragments scattering formed during the pipeline explosion.

#### Methodology

Emission of chemically hazardous substances can lead to extremely negative consequences – death of people (staff at the industrial site, population). The risk of lethal injury to humans depends on many factors, among which the mass of a chemically dangerous substance entering the atmosphere is determinative. As it is known, this value is of probabalistic nature. However, emission limits for certain objects can be set based on the analysis of available statistical data. One can use the Monte-Carlo method to determine the mass of a chemically dangerous substance at an industrial site (for example, an ammonia pumping station). In this case, the methodology for assessing the risk of injury will be as follows:

- 1. To set the limits for possible release of a chemically dangerous substance at industrial site known from expert judgment (M1 is the minimum known mass of the substance; M2 is the maximum known mass of the substance).
- 2. To determine the most likely mass of a chemically dangerous substance  $Q_0$  that can get into atmospheric air in the event of a possible emergency.
- 3. To determine the air pollution zone in the event of the release of a chemically dangerous substance in the amount  $Q_0$ . In this zone, there is a subzone where the concentration of a chemically dangerous substance exceeds the limit value (for example, a lethal concentration).
- 4. To determine the number of people N who were in a subzone where a lethal concentration of a chemically dangerous substance was predicted.

Thus, solving a problem consists of two main steps:

- the first is the calculation of the possible emission intensity of a chemically dangerous substance by the Monte-Carlo method;
- the second is the calculation of the zones of chemical contamination with the definition of subzones of lethal injury.

To estimate the level of chemical pollution of the atmospheric air we will use the threedimensional mass transfer equation [2, 3, 5]:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial uC}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial vC}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial (w - w_g)C}{\partial z} + \sigma C =$$

$$= \operatorname{div}(\mu \operatorname{grad} C) +$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{N} Q_0(t) \delta(x - x_i) \delta(y - y_i) \delta(z - z_i), (1)$$

here C – is ammonia concentration; u,v,w – vector components of the wind flow velocity;  $\delta(x-x_i)\delta(y-y_i)\delta(z-z_i)$  – Dirac delta function;  $\mu=(\mu_x,\mu_y,\mu_z)$  – turbulence diffusivity coefficients;  $x_i,y_i,z_i$  – ammonia emission source coordinates;  $\sigma$  – coefficient taking into account the chemical decay of impurity, precipitation scavenging; Q –ammonia emission rate;  $w_g$  – the rate of gravity sedimentation of the impurity; t – time.

Boundary conditions for the mass transfer equation are considered in the work [5].

During the calculations, we will take into account unevenness of the vertical diffusion coefficient and the air velocity in height:

$$u = u_1 \left(\frac{z}{z_1}\right)^p, \ \mu_z = k_1 \left(\frac{z}{z_1}\right)^m;$$

$$\mu_x = \mu_y = k_0 u,$$
(2)

where p = 0.15; m = 1;  $k_1 = 0.2$ ;  $k_0 = 0.1 \div 1$ .

For numerical integration of equation (1) we will use finite-difference methods [5]. We perform preliminary splitting of equation (1) into the sequence of solving the following equations:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial uC}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \mu_x \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right);$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial vC}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \mu_y \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} \right);$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \left( w - w_g \right) C}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \mu_z \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \right);$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \sigma C =$$

$$= \sum Q_0(t) \delta(x - x_i(t)) \delta(y - y_i(t)). (3)$$

For numerical integration of equations (3), we use an alternating-triangular difference scheme [5] and the Euler method.

For mathematical modeling of the wind flow field at an industrial site, we use the model of potential flow. The calculation is based on equation [5]:

$$\frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial z^2} = 0, \qquad (4)$$

where P – is the velocity potential.

The air flow velocity components are defined as follows:

$$u = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x}; \ v = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}; \ w = \frac{\partial P}{\partial z}. \tag{5}$$

The boundary conditions for equation (4) are as follows:

- 1)  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial n} = 0$  on impermeable boundaries and on the upper surface of the calculation area;
- 2)  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial n} = V_n$  at the boundary where the flow enters the calculation area,  $V_n$  known air velocity;
- 3) P = const at the outflow boundary of the calculated area.

For the numerical solution of equation (4), we use the method of total approximation, so we reduce this equation to the form:

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial z^2},$$
 (6)

where t – time dummies.

The calculated dependence for determining the velocity potential is written in the following form in two steps of splitting:

$$\frac{P_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - P_{i,j,k}^{n}}{\Delta t} = \frac{-P_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - P_{i,j,k}}{\Delta x^{2}} + \frac{P_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} + P_{i,j-1,k}}{\Delta y^{2}} + \frac{P_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2} - P_{i,j,k-1}}{\Delta z^{2}}; (7)$$

$$\frac{P_{i,j,k}^{n+1} - P_{i,j,k}^{n+1/2}}{\Delta t} = \frac{-P_{i,j,k}^{n+1} - P_{i+1,j,k}^{n+1}}{\Delta x^{2}} + \frac{-P_{i,j,k}^{n+1} + P_{i,j+1,k}^{n+1}}{\Delta y^{2}} + \frac{-P_{i,j,k}^{n+1} + P_{i,j,k+1}^{n+1}}{\Delta z^{2}}.$$

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The calculation according to this formula is terminated if the following condition is fulfilled:

$$\left|P_{i,j,k}^{n+1}-P_{i,j,k}^{n}\right|\leq\varepsilon,$$

where n – iteration index (number of steps in time);  $\varepsilon$  – small number.

We determine the components of the velocity vector on the edges of the difference cells as follows:

$$u_{i,j,k} = \frac{P_{i,j,k} - P_{i-1,j,k}}{\Delta x} \; ; \; v_{i,j,k} = \frac{P_{i,j,k} - P_{i,j-1,k}}{\Delta y} \; ; \;$$

$$w_{i,j,k} = \frac{P_{i,j,k} - P_{i,j,k-1}}{\Lambda z} \,. \tag{8}$$

Based on the difference equations considered, a computer program was created that includes several subprograms:

- 1) subprogram for calculation of velocity potential field;
- 2) subprogram for calculation of air velocity field in the conditions of building;
- 3) subprograms for calculation of impurity concentration in the air for different time points after emergency emission.

For ease of use, the initial data file has been separated. The user adds to this file data on the location of buildings at the pumping station, the location of emergency emission, the intensity of the emission and other parameters.

FORTRAN was used to encode the difference equations.

#### **Findings**

The developed numerical model was used to calculate the zone of chemical contamination in case of accidental ammonia emission at the pumping station located near the Bashmachka settlement (Fig. 1). Based on expert data analysis, it has been determined that ammonia emission can range from 200 to 500 kg. Based on the Monte-Carlo method, it is estimated that, within this range, the highest probability of accident ammonia emission (19%) corresponds to a 300 kg emission. Therefore, this emission was taken for the computational experiment. Since there is some inertia at the pump stop, it is clear that the emission will occur within

a short time, so it is assumed that it will last 3 sec., that is, we have a semi-continuous emission.

The calculation is based on two approaches. The first is a calculation based only on the kinematic model (1). The second is a calculation based on two models: aerodynamics (4) and mass transfer models (1). That is, for the first calculation, the location of buildings at the pumping station is not taken into account. For the second calculation, the presence of buildings at the pumping station is taken into account.



Fig. 1. Computational scheme:

I – the place of emission of the chemically dangerous substance at the pump station; 2 – receptor position



Fig. 2. Chemical contamination zone of atmospheric air (building influence on forming the contamination zone is not taken into account, level z = 2.5 m, t = 35 sec)

Fig. 2 shows a chemical contamination zone of atmospheric air at the pumping station where ammonia emission takes place; the calculation is performed only based on the kinematic model. We see that chemical contamination zone has the form of "drop", no deformation of this zone is found.

Fig. 3 shows the predicted zone of chemical contamination, to determine which the location of buildings at the pumping station is used.



Fig. 3. Chemical contamination zone of atmospheric air, the calculation is made taking into account the buildings at the pumping station (level z = 2.5 m, t = 35 sec)

Comparing Fig. 3 and 2, we see a significant difference, namely the deformation of chemical contamination zone due to the influence of buildings on the process of toxic substance spread in the air.

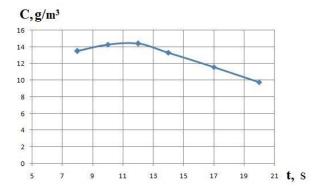


Fig. 4. Changing the concentration of chemically dangerous substance at the receptor location point

Fig. 4 shows the dynamics of changes in the ammonia concentration at the industrial site near the building (Fig. 1, position of the receptor 2).

As we can see from Fig. 4, in the event of emergency ammonia emission, its concentration at the industrial site, near the industrial building, will be substantially higher than the MAC (MAC =  $20 \text{ mg/m}^3$ ), i.e. there will be a risk of toxic damage to people at the site. Let us note that the computation time is 5 sec.

At the second stage of the study, the risk of injury to humans in case of fragment scattering due to explosion at the ammonia pumping station was assessed. For example, such an explosion may occur on the pipelines located at the pumping station (Fig. 5).



Fig. 5. Pipelines at the ammonia pumping station (https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/Аммиакопровод)



Fig. 6. Scheme of fragment scattering

The impact zone is defined by the range of the pipeline fragments. To simulate the process of fragment scattering in the air, Newton's second law of motion dynamics of material point was used. In vector form for a fragment having mass m, motion dynamics is modeled by the equation:

$$m\frac{dV}{dt} = -F_R - F_g \,, \tag{9}$$

where V – is the vector of fragment scattering speed;  $F_g = mg$  – is gravity force;

$$F_R = C_x \frac{\rho_e V^2}{2} \cdot S$$
 - resistance force;  $C_x$  - re-

sistance coefficient;  $\rho_e$  – air density; S – frontal area.

The fragment formed during explosion has a complex geometric shape. To apply model (9), we perform the following procedure. First, we determine the volume of fragment. Next, suppose that a "reduced sphere" with a radius R has such a volume. Then knowing that the volume of fragment is equal to W, we find the radius of the "reduced sphere" using the expression

$$W = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot R^3 : R = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3W}{4\pi}} .$$

Further, knowing the mass of the fragment material and its initial velocity, we make calculations based on the model (9). Preliminary vector equation (9) is written in the projections on the X, Y axis (the Y axis is directed vertically up):

$$m\frac{du}{dt} = -C_x \frac{\rho_e V^2}{2} \cdot S \cdot u; \tag{10}$$

$$m\frac{dv}{dt} = -C_x \frac{\rho_e V^2}{2} \cdot S \cdot v - mg \ . \tag{11}$$

The weight of fragment is determined as follows:  $m = \rho_{cm} \cdot W$ , where  $\rho_{cm}$  – is the density of the fragment material.

Euler method was used for numerical integration of equations (10) - (11). The midsection is calculated as follows:

$$S = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} \,,$$

where d = 2R.

The angle of fragment scattering is the initial data (Fig. 6, angle  $\alpha$ ).

Below the figure shows the area of possible human injury in case of ejection of steel fragment having a reduced diameter of 1 cm. The fragment ejection is assumed to be at 2 m height. The initial fragment velocity is taken at 150 m/sec. An important parameter for assessment of the impact zones in case of fragment scattering is to determine the angle at which the fragment leaves the explosion zone (Fig. 6, angle  $\alpha$ ). The range of the scattering angle may be different. The work deals with the range of fragment scattering  $0^{\circ} \div 90^{\circ}$ . The Monte-Carlo method determined that the fragment scattering range  $\alpha \approx (15^{\circ} \div 30^{\circ})$  corresponds to the highest probability – 37%. Fig. 7 presents the results of the calculation for the scattering angle  $\alpha = 30^{\circ}$ .



Fig. 7. Impact zone in case of fragment scattering after the explosion at the ammonia pumping station

As we can see from Fig. 7, this fragment may reach the boundaries of Bashmachka and Kalyniv-ka settlements. That is, there is a threat of damage to people at a sufficiently large distance from pumping station.

In addition to this model, a model of fragment movement in the body of the animal, which appeared to be in the impact zone, was also developed (Fig. 8).

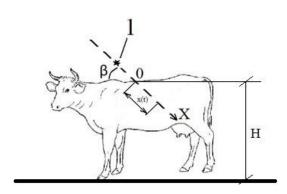


Fig. 8. Scheme of damage to the animal by fragment: I - a fragment in flight

The velocity of fragment before the "obstacle," that is, the body, is determined based on solving equations (10) - (11). The fragment "meets" the body of the animal (human) at an angle  $\beta$  (Fig. 8), which can be calculated in the process of solving equations (10) - (11), based on the determined values of the movement velocity components u, v and for a specific height H of fragment above the earth surface. We set the height H. Then the movement of fragment in the body begins. We model this process with the following equation of material point motion (Newton's second law):

$$m\frac{dV}{dt} = -F_R, (12)$$

where V – the velocity motion vector of the fragment in the body of an animal (human);  $F_R$  – resistance power: m – fragment weight.

Choosing the coordinate axis OX in the direction of fragment movement in the body, one can write the equation of movement (12) in projection on this axis:

$$m\frac{dV}{dt} = -C_x \frac{\rho_m V^2}{2} \cdot S, \qquad (13)$$

where  $C_x$  - resistance coefficient;  $\rho_m$  -density of the meat; s - frontal area. For calculations it is taken that  $\rho_m = 1066 kg/m^3$ .

We numerically solve this equation by the Euler method. The calculated dependence for determining the fragment velocity value in the body (at a new time step n+1), is determined as follows by the Euler method:

$$V^{n+1} = V^n - dt \cdot C_x \frac{\rho_m V^2}{2m} \cdot S. \tag{14}$$

Using this difference dependency, we determine the fragment velocity in the animal body at each time step. The depth of fragment penetration into the body x(t) (Fig. 8), at each time step, is determined as follows:

$$x(t) = x_0 - dt \cdot V , \qquad (15)$$

where  $x_0 = 0$  – corresponds to the starting point of the animal body, i.e. the place where the fragment enters the body (Fig. 8); x(t) – is the new position of the fragment in the body as a result of its movement.

It should be noted that dependence (15) makes it possible to estimate the wound size in the body that is to determine the damage severity to the animal or person in the first approximation.

Table 1 shows the data for determining the depth of fragments penetration into the body of the animal for the damage area of 1239 m. To calculate the wound size in the body the height H=1.6m is taken as the calculated one. That is, the data on the fragment penetration and its flight speed at this height were initial to calculate the fragment movement in the body. Let us note that time t=0 corresponds to the moment of fragment impact on the body.

Table 1

### Penetration depth of the fragment into the body (distance 1239 m from the place of explosion of the gas-air mixture)

Time	0.001	0.003	0.007	0.020	0.030
	sec	sec	sec	sec	sec
X	0.09 m	0.24 m	0.43 m	0.77 m	0.92 m

From Table 1 we see that in about 0.03 sec., the animal's body will be wounded through.

#### Originality and practical value

A mathematical model has been developed that allows calculating the zones of chemical contamination in case of accidental ammonia emission at the pumping station. The model allows making predictive calculations taking into account the in-

fluence of buildings on the formation of chemical contamination zones. We also proposed a model to calculate the size of the damage area in case of fragment scattering generated during the explosion of ammonia+air mixture. This model is complemented by the model of fragment movement in the body of an animal (human).

The model can be used to design an emergency response plan (ERP) to identify the risk areas.

#### **Conclusions**

- 1. A numerical model for the prediction of chemical contamination zones at industrial sites in case of emergency emission of chemically hazardous substances is proposed.
- 2. Express model of damage risk assessment in case of explosion at the industrial site is developed.
- 3. Assessment of the level of air pollution in case of emergency ammonia emission at the pumping station.

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## ОЦІНКА РИЗИКУ УРАЖЕННЯ З ВИКОРИСТАННЯМ МЕТОДУ МОНТЕ-КАРЛО

Мета. Ця робота передбачає розробку чисельної моделі для розрахунку зон хімічного забруднення у разі аварійної емісії аміаку на території насосної станції, що здійснює перекачування, а також розробку моделі оцінки ризику ураження та глибини рани в тілі у випадку розлітання уламків, що утворюються під час вибуху трубопроводу. Методика. Для розв'язання поставленої задачі – визначення зон поширення аміаку в атмосферному повітрі – використано рівняння масопереносу. Для розрахунку поля швидкості повітряного потоку за наявності будівель на території насосної станції, що перекачує аміак, використано модель потенціальної течії. Чисельне розв'язання тривимірного рівняння для потенціалу швидкості проведено за допомогою методу сумарної апроксимації. Під час використання цієї чисельної моделі враховано нерівномірне поле швидкості вітрового потоку, зміну вертикального коефіцієнта атмосферної дифузії з висотою, інтенсивність емісії аміаку, місце викиду хімічно небезпечної речовини. Для чисельного розв'язання рівняння переносу аміаку в атмосферному повітрі використано різницеву схему розщеплення. Попередньо здійснено фізичне розщеплення тривимірного рівняння масопереносу на систему рівнянь, що описують перенос забруднювача в одному координатному напрямку. На кожному кроці розщеплення невідоме значення концентрації аміаку визначено за явною схемою біжучого рахунку. Розглянуто математичну модель розрахунку розлітання уламків під час вибуху на території насосної станції. Результати. На основі розробленої чисельної моделі проведено обчислювальний експеримент для оцінки рівня забруднення атмосферного повітря на території насосної станції, що перекачує аміак. Визначено зону можливого ураження людей у разі розлітання уламків під час вибуху на території станції. Наукова новизна. Розроблено чисельну модель, що дозволяє розраховувати зони хімічного зараження в разі аварійної емісії аміаку на території насосної станції. Модель доповнено оцінкою зон ураження у випадку розлітання уламків під час вибуху. Практична значимість. На базі розробленої математичної моделі створено комп'ютерну програму, що дозволяє проводити серійні розрахунки для визначення зон ураження під час надзвичайних ситуацій на території хімічно небезпечних об'єктів. Розроблена математична модель може бути використана під час складання плану ліквідації аварійної ситуації (ПЛАС) для хімічно небезпечних об'єктів.

Ключові слова: хімічне забруднення атмосфери; аварійна емісія; математичне моделювання

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Цель. Данная работа предусматривает разработку численной модели для расчета зон химического загрязнения в случае аварийной эмиссии аммиака на территории насосной станции, осуществляющей перекачку, а также разработку модели оценки риска поражения и глубины раны в теле при разлете осколков, образовавшихся во время взрыва трубопровода. Методика. Для решения поставленной задачи – определения зон распространения аммиака в атмосферном воздухе – использовано уравнение массопереноса. Для расчета поля скорости воздушного потока при наличии зданий на территории насосной станции, перекачивающей аммиак, использовано модель потенциального течения. Численное решение трехмерного уравнения для потенциала скорости проведено с помощью метода суммарной аппроксимации. При использовании этой численной модели учтено неравномерное поле скорости ветрового потока, изменение вертикального коэффициента атмосферной диффузии с высотой, интенсивность эмиссии аммиака, место выброса химически опасного вещества. Для численного решения уравнения переноса аммиака в атмосферном воздухе использована разностная схема расщепления. Предварительно осуществлено физическое расщепление трехмерного уравнения массопереноса на систему уравнений, описывающих перенос загрязняющего вещества в одном координатном направлении. На каждом шагу расщепления неизвестное значение концентрации аммиака определено по явной схеме бегущего счета. Рассмотрена математическая модель расчета разлетания обломков на территории насосной станции. Результаты. На основе разработанной численной модели проведен вычислительный эксперимент для оценки уровня загрязнения атмосферного воздуха на территории насосной станции, которая перекачивает аммиак. Определена зона возможного поражения людей при разлетании осколков во время взрыва на территории станции. Научная новизна. Разработана численная модель, позволяющая рассчитывать зоны химического заражения при аварийной эмиссии аммиака на территории насосной станции. Модель дополнена оценкой зон поражения при разлетании осколков во время взрыва. Практическая значимость. На базе разработанной математической модели создана компьютерная программа, позволяющая проводить серийные расчеты для определения зон поражения при чрезвычайных ситуациях на территории химически опасных объектов. Разработанная математическая модель может быть использована при составлении плана ликвидации аварийной ситуации (ПЛАС) для химически опасных объектов.

*Ключевые слова*: химическое загрязнение атмосферы; аварийная эмиссия; математическое моделирование

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