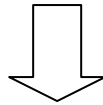


Photo report
from Dniester Pump Storage Plant area
March 24, 2007



Before construction started



Today

After the drainage system of the Dniester PSP was constructed over 10 years ago, drinking water disappeared from water wells in the village of Lypchany; so now local people have to carry drinking water long distances, no matter if it is raining or snowing.

When in operation Dniester PSP will also cause problems to the drinking water in the lower course of the Dniester, which means that Odessa city (situated on the Black Sea shore and obtaining water supply for one million people from lower Dniester) will suffer. Where will one million people go with their cans to fetch water?



Houses and farm buildings have been destroyed by blasting operations at the Dniester PSP construction site. But compensation to the owners of the buildings has not even been paid. People just live in these ruined houses for years...





Inside a house next to the road where trucks are passing by.

The site of blasting operations that are destroying houses and farm buildings in Lypchany village:



Heavy trucks from the construction site are using the narrow village road for their purposes:



From the letter prepared by local residents of Lypchany:

"There is a layer of mud on the road; the road in the village is destroyed by the trucks. The pavements are covered with clay, sand and stones which are falling down from the passing trucks. When it rains we are not able to neither get to the school or work, nor to the food store. And also, because the entire central road is covered with mud, people are splashed with it when they walk on the street and the trucks are passing by":



Discussion on the street, held by local residents and the local environmental inspector while transport from the construction site passes by:



Local people put their signatures to the letter to the World Bank:



Lypchany community representatives are asking Bankwatch to pass their letter of concern to the World Bank:



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