

Supervision over the functioning of fur farms in Poland

SUMMARY

The article compares two reports of the Supreme Audit Office, which has performed controls of state authorities obliged to supervise the functioning of fur farms. The conclusions presented by the Supreme Audit Office have confirmed suspicions that the supervision over these farms is not effective enough and leaves many doubts about the actions of state authorities. Cited reports clearly present an unstable situation of Polish controlling authorities. It is noteworthy in such a way, that it uncovers incompetence and irregularities of mentioned entities. It questions the current situation not only in the mentioned bodies, but also in the entire administrative and control structure. Additionally, the conclusions of the reports also state that entities obtaining authorization to run given environmental installations still have a possibility of avoiding the requirements concerning environmental protection by carrying out unfavorable divisions of these installations.

Development and intensification of modern agriculture can cause a number of environmental risks, especially to people living in the immediate vicinity of farms. Industrial animal husbandry has a negative impact on the quality of life and living conditions nearby, due to foul odors and water contamination, including pollution caused by excessive fertilization that leads to chemical and microbiological hazards. These occurring inconveniences cause protests in local communities. The lack of adequate supervision also poses a threat to native species of animals, which may lead to extinction, especially among birds and certain mammals.

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