

(3) Katina Disposal Site

SGM urgently needs a new disposal site to close down the poorly operated Dolny Bogrov site and provide additional waste disposal capacity. The schedule calls for starting Suhudol II extension by 1995, and Katina disposal site in 1997.

In order to operate Katina site a consensus must first be reached among the concerned authorities, and surrounding residents. An Environmental Impact Assessment is also mandatory. Should an agreement to use the site be achieved, then preparation for securing financing for construction and heavy equipment procurement and design works should be completed by 1995. Actual construction and equipment procurement is scheduled for one year, 1996.

To mitigate the effect of the waste collection vehicles traffic on the Novi Iskar town, the schedule calls for the completion of Novi Iskar bypass before commencement of Katina site operation.

(4) Revision of Tariff System

The tariff system should be studied and revised in order to implement the financial plan for the priority project, and distribute the burden fairly upon the beneficiaries of the SWM service. The plan calls for a gradual increase of the tariffs levied on the residents to be in line with the actual cost incurred while at the same time not immediately imposing a harsh burden upon them.

(5) Recycle Pilot Project

While recognizing the importance of encouraging recycling, the pilot project proposed in the plan shall start in 1996, with preparation and equipment procurement and commence operation in 1997. The new PLC is expected to be very busy at its creation, with preparing the new disposal site and reorganizing the collection work, and so the recycling pilot project has been put back slightly. However Mehaplant and others currently engaged in this activity should be supported by the PLC and SGM to continue recycling reusable waste.

Another reason for the comparative delay in initiating the recycling pilot project is the need to wait until the economy recovers so as to have a market demand for the recyclable waste items.

5.3 Financial Plan for Implementation

The financial plan for implementing the priority project is discussed in Chapter 3, and the sources for procurement of investment funds are described in Table 3-2-5.

Although a waste tax tariff revision plan is proposed, it will not be possible for the PLC to depend on its own fund only for financing the required investment costs. Foreign and local loans are deemed indispensable. The municipality is recommended to pursue the most favorable loan conditions in order not to pose an excessive burden on the new PLC.

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