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Murmansk prosecutors take action against Norilsk Nickel 2007-09-24



The prosecutor's office in the Pechenga district in Murmansk Oblast has concluded that the Kolskaya GMK, a regional subsidiary of mining and metallurgy giant Norilsk Nickel, this summer violated environmental regulations in the industrial town of Nikel. A criminal case against the company has now been initiated.

The case against Norilsk Nickel comes after locals in the months of June and July this year loudly expressed complaints about record-high emissions. After having inspected the plant, the prosecutors now conclude that Norilsk Nickel did violate environmental regulations in the period, [Murman.ru](#) reports.

The conclusions are in line with the results of tests made by the Russian Institute of Industrial Ecological Problems of the North. Also a new report from the Norwegian-Russian Environmental Commission states that the level of heavy metals in water and soil is increasing around the town of Nikel, [NRK](#) reports.

According to [Murman.ru](#), the criminal case has now been sent to the department of interior in the Pechenga district for further investigations.

The case against Norilsk Nickel comes just few days after two federal control authorities started [inspections of the Russian company giant's reported environmental violations](#) in the Siberian Krasnoyarsk Kray

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