

Nowy artykuł

Additional information

Public consultation

As part of the concession process, a detailed environmental report has been developed, which contains analyses of the expected impact and, above all, determining the necessary measures to minimize the potential impact of the business. Responses to several thousand comments and motions were submitted, and participants in the proceedings, as well as persons interested in it, obtained the necessary information on all matters raising doubts.

In accordance with the requirements of national and EU law, representatives of administrative bodies, the public, as well as neighbouring countries, i.e. Czechia and the Federal Republic of Germany, participated in the environmental impact assessment procedure. As part of this procedure, objections were raised.

Guided by the principle of good practices, PGE GiEK organized additional, not covered by law, meetings with the residents from Czechia in autumn 2019, in Chotyne and Uhelna, during which they discussed the measures that would be taken to eliminate the potential impact of the Turoszów strip mine on the border areas. What is more, in addition to the standard procedure required by law, in the first half of 2019 meetings were also held with the inhabitants of Opolno-Zdrój.

Water conservation

As part of applying for the extension of the license until 2044, PGE GiEK is obliged to obtain the so-called decisions on environmental conditions. The application for issuing an environmental decision (preceding the issuing of the concession) was submitted by PGE GiEK in 2015, and the procedure of assessing the environmental impact of continuing the exploitation of the Turów deposit lasted almost 5 years. The decision was issued on January 21, 2020 by the Regional Director for Environmental Protection in Wrocław, following an environmental impact assessment procedure. The decision imposes specific obligations on the Turów Mine, including the implementation of a number of investments limiting its environmental impact. They are so-called measures to minimize the impact.

The impact of the environmental impact assessment procedure and cross-border arrangements was also the impact of the Turów Mine on water resources at the Czech border. The groundwater level has been monitored for many years by Polish-Czech and Polish-German teams of specialists. The measurement network includes 550 sites for measuring the groundwater table, of which over 150 belongs to the Polish-Czech and Polish-German measuring network. Expert research results confirm that the mine does not cause dehydration in drinking water intakes. In order to protect the only drinking water intake in Uhelna that could be affected by the Turów Mine, actions were taken to develop and implement an underground screen that will be built at a depth of about 60-110 m and which will secure the potential flow of water from the Uhelna area towards the strip mine. Screen effectiveness will be monitored on an ongoing basis by a detailed Polish-Czech monitoring system.