

Dear colleagues!

We are glad to have participated in the World Water Monitoring Month. Nowadays people understand how important it is to solve the environmental problems that endanger people's lives. "Water, water everywhere, not any drop to drink", said the sailor from Coleridge's poem (Coleridge, Samuel Tolyor *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*) describing to a friend how awful it was to be without drinking water on a ship in the middle of the ocean. It is strange to think that the water around his ship was probably quite safe to drink. It was salty – but not polluted.

The water in the seas and rivers are much more dangerous now.

Man is beginning to understand that his environment is not just his own town or country, but the whole earth. That's why people all over the world speak so much about ecology now and to their best to make the environment clean and the lives of people safe.

A diverse group of students from grades 5, 6, 7, 9 (school #1, Novocherkassk, Russia) was involved in the project. More than 100 students with the teachers investigated the quality of water and took the samples in the river Don and its tributary the Tuzlov.

The data sheet is attached.

The river Don (September, 21, October, 10, October, 16 2008)

Water Temp.	12°C	9°C	11°C
Turbidity	2	3	2
DO	78%	72%	76%
PH	8,1	8,2	8,4

The river Tuzlov (October, 14 2008)

Water Temp.	12°C	12°C	12°C
Turbidity	14	12	15
DO	48%	50%	50%
PH	8,5	8,6	8,7

School #1 is very much concerned about the quality of the water in these rivers. We have ecological club at our school. Besides monitoring the site we have Cleaning up days when we clean the territory in the watershed. During the WWMM more than 100 students monitored the site and cleaned the territory near these rivers.

We had the conference where the students reported the data and made the plans for future.

This is the poem, which a member of our eco-club «Гармония» ("Harmony") wrote especially for the conference.

There are many colors
In our big world.
All mountains and flowers
Exist in accord.
But people are destroying and
Disturbing the peace.
All forests and hills stand
For chance to exist.
We have to take care
Of water and earth
Because we are living here
In the world, which we chose.

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