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## Leningrad Region residents blame World Bank for poisoning Neva

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Readers of 47news from the Tosnensky and Kirovsky districts of the Leningrad region report about the next dumping of manure into the forest rivers flowing into the Neva from the pig farm in the village of Nurma, co-owned by the World Bank.

As Alexander Skobelev, a resident of the Zarya gardening in the Kirov region of the Leningrad region, told 47news, the dumping of pig manure from a complex in the village of Nurma is a regular phenomenon and occurs quite often.

"Now the water is full of thick white foam, the smell of manure is terrible. All the fish in the river are dead. But not only are the children swimming in Voitolovka, this river flows into the Mgu, and the same flows into the Neva and all the poison flows further to St. Petersburg, "Skobelev was indignant.

He also said that the dumping of manure into the Voytolovka tributary of the Igolinka River has been a regular occurrence since Soviet times, when the Vostochny pig farm was operating in the village.

"When the state farm collapsed in the 90s of the last century, the unpleasant smell disappeared, and the fish reappeared in the river. Then, in 2008, the Danish company Idavang bought the complex and it all started again. We complained more than once, but the checks arrived late, when the current is already taking the poison to the Neva. Only dead fish is recorded, "Skobelev told the journalist.

According to information on the Idavang website, in 2011, the International Finance Corporation, owned by the World Bank, acquired a 20 percent stake in Danish holding Idavang A / S, the managing director of Idavang Russia.

It also notes that "the World Bank invests only in businesses that meet the stringent requirements of environmental protection, social responsibility, animal welfare and financial stability."

The administration of the Nurminsky rural settlement told the journalist that they did not have information about any leaks in the pig farm.

The Committee on Ecology and Nature Management of the Leningrad Region told 47news that they are aware of the pollution problems in the rivers of the Tosnensky and Kirovsky districts, but are in no hurry to blame the pig farm in Nurma for this.

"The largest pig-breeding complex of the region operates in the village of Nurma. At the same time it is a modern and environmentally friendly production - all waste is completely cleaned and its solid components are sent to fertilize the fields. We checked this complex many times, including this year, and did not find no violations. "the committee said.

The department also added that checks are still being carried out, and the source of the poisoning of the Voitolovka river has not yet been established.

"Another enterprise is operating in Nurma - CJSC Tosno Feed Mill, which already had violations associated with leaks into the water from the sludge storage building. In addition, Nurma's own wastewater treatment plants are in very poor condition. We are conducting appropriate checks," - added to the committee on ecology.

At the time of publication of the information, 47news correspondent was unable to obtain comments from the pig farm management.

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