Urban areas as active zones of energy exchange between geospheres

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One of the main problems in modern Earth sciences is investigation mass and energy fluxes

between geospheres: lithosphere, ocean and atmosphere. Such investigations include

monitoring, classification and modeling these fluxes.

For intergeospheric mass and energy exchange concept development is necessary the

comprehensive investigations of such fluxes both theoretically and by field studies. These

investigations have to study intergeospheric fluxes at standard natural and climatic conditions

as well as at catastrophic conditions: earthquakes, volcano eruptions, hurricanes, floods, large

forest fires, etc

The special attention has to be taken to energy and mass fluxes within active zones of

geospheric interaction. The examples of such active zones are active tectonic points, depth

circle structures, sea and ocean coasts, industrial and urban areas, etc.

In the modern world almost half population lives in cities and about two third of world energy

consumption is concentrating within urban areas. Due to this urban areas play specific role in

local, regional and even global climatic processes.

The presentation is focused on main laws of current stage of global urbanization as well as on

estimation of anthropogenic energy fluxes within industrial and urban areas. The comparative

analysis of XX century climate trends in Moscow and New-York is also presented.