



## SEVESO DIRECTIVES AND NATECH MEASURES MANAGEMENT: AREAS FOR RISKS AND ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY

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### ABSTRACT

The widespread presence of industrial facilities in Azerbaijan and the country's geological and geographical conditions make the management of risks arising from the combination of technological and natural disasters (NATECH) a highly relevant issue. Within the framework of SEVESO directives, minimizing these risks, assessing potential hazards, and implementing economically efficient measures are among the key priorities in ensuring industrial safety.

This article identifies areas in Azerbaijan with high NATECH risks and examines the implementation of SEVESO measures aimed at mitigating these risks. Special attention is given to the oil and gas industry, chemical plants, oil refineries, port infrastructures, and other strategic facilities.

The study investigates the primary causes and potential impacts of NATECH incidents, analyzes methods for risk reduction through the application of SEVESO measures in local industrial facilities, and evaluates costs and benefits to ensure economic efficiency in risk management.

The results indicate that the effective implementation of preventive measures can be economically feasible for managing NATECH risks. Establishing automated monitoring systems, developing disaster-resistant infrastructures, and training personnel play a crucial role in risk mitigation.

The proposed measures not only help reduce potential human casualties and environmental consequences caused by technological and natural disasters but also enhance the resilience of industrial enterprises, minimizing economic losses.

This study provides recommendations for the advancement of SEVESO directive implementation and the development of improved approaches to NATECH risk management in Azerbaijan.

**Keywords:** SEVESO Directive, NATECH Risks, Industrial Safety, Economic Efficiency, Natural Disasters, Risk Management, Oil and Gas Industry, Azerbaijan, Dangerous Facilities, Industrial Infrastructure.

### Introduction

The management of NATECH (Natural Hazards Triggering Technological Accidents) risks within the framework of SEVESO directives in Azerbaijan holds strategic importance in relation to the country's industrial and economic development. Azerbaijan's rich oil and gas reserves, the widespread presence of high-risk industrial facilities, and the potential for natural disasters (earthquakes, floods, landslides) due to its geological and climatic conditions further emphasize the relevance of this issue.

The SEVESO directives represent a modern regulatory framework adopted in the European Union to prevent chemical and technological accidents at hazardous industrial sites [1]. Implementing these principles in Azerbaijan's industrial facilities is crucial not only for protecting human life



and health but also for preventing environmental disasters. Sectors with high NATECH risks, particularly the oil and gas industry, chemical plants, and oil refineries, are of critical importance both for human safety and for the country's economic stability [2].

### **Key Factors Increasing the Relevance of NATECH Risks in Azerbaijan**

\***Geological Risks:** The presence of seismically active zones in certain regions of the country increases the likelihood of industrial accidents during earthquakes.

\***Climate Change:** The increasing frequency of natural disasters such as floods and landslides poses additional risks to industrial facilities.

\***High Concentration of High-Risk Industrial Sites:** The clustering of hazardous facilities in industrial hubs like the Absheron Peninsula and Baku increases the probability of accidents.

\***Scale of Economic Losses:** NATECH incidents can result in significant economic damage. Implementing effective preventive measures is crucial to mitigating these losses.

Another critical aspect that increases the relevance of this topic is the economic evaluation of NATECH risk management. While initial investments in safety measures may seem high, the long-term economic and social benefits gained from preventing potential disasters outweigh these costs (3).

Therefore, the implementation of SEVESO directives and the effective management of NATECH risks in Azerbaijan's industrial facilities hold strategic significance for both national security and economic development. This approach not only enhances the resilience of industrial sites but also contributes to environmental protection and the improvement of people's quality of life.

### **Objective**

To improve the management of NATECH (Natural Hazards Triggering Technological Accidents) risks under the SEVESO directives in Azerbaijan, this research sets out the following key objectives:

Mapping and Analysis of NATECH Risks:

Assessment of Industrial Facilities and High-Risk Areas: Analyzing Azerbaijan's industrial sites and regions prone to natural disasters to identify potential hazard sources and high-risk zones.

Development of Local Implementation Mechanisms for SEVESO Directives: Adapting European best practices to establish safety standards and preventive measures in Azerbaijani industrial facilities.

Economic Feasibility Assessment: Evaluating the economic viability of proposed safety measures for NATECH risk management by determining the balance between costs and benefits.

Development of Disaster-Resilient Industrial Infrastructure: Proposing technological solutions and safety mechanisms to mitigate the impact of earthquakes, floods, and other natural hazards on industrial facilities.

Implementation of Advanced Monitoring and Management Systems: Designing and deploying automated monitoring systems for real-time tracking of natural and technological risks in hazardous facilities.

Protection of Human Health and the Environment: Minimizing the ecological and social impacts of potential industrial accidents and ensuring a safe working environment.

The primary goal of this research is to prevent NATECH incidents and enhance industrial safety in Azerbaijan through economically viable measures. This approach will not only support the



country's sustainable development but also help establish an industrial environment that aligns with international safety standards [4].

## Methods

This research emphasizes that a proactive and structured approach to NATECH risk management is essential for ensuring industrial safety, protecting human health, and minimizing environmental damage. The implementation of SEVESO directives in Azerbaijan will not only enhance national safety standards but also contribute to the sustainable and resilient development of the country's industrial sector.

Measures Taken in the Management of NATECH Risks in the EU and Azerbaijan:

### European Union (EU)

The European Union (EU) pays special attention to the management of NATECH risks within the framework of the SEVESO directives (3; 6). These directives aim to prevent technological accidents at high-risk industrial sites and mitigate their impacts. The main measures taken in the EU are as follows:

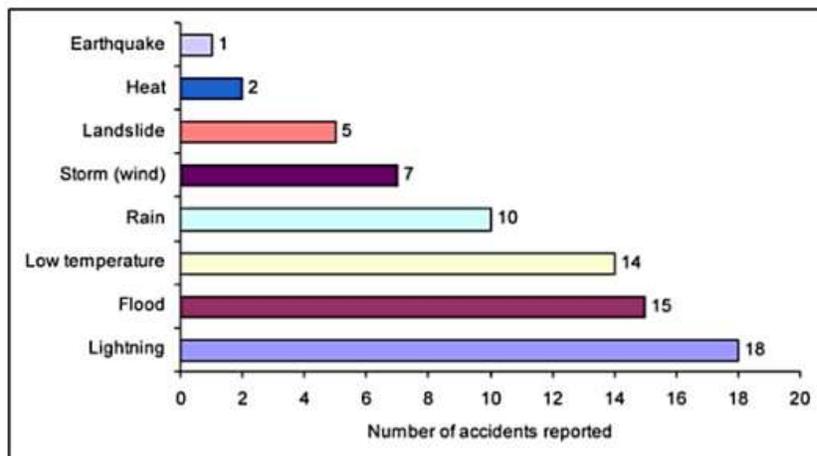
a) SEVESO Directive (Seveso III):

\*Risk assessment and mapping: Mapping and identifying natural disaster risks associated with hazardous industrial sites.

\*Safety plans: Developing specific safety plans for each facility to prepare for potential disasters.

\*Technological innovations: Implementing modern monitoring and warning systems.

b) Monitoring and Early Warning Systems: Advanced technologies are used in European countries to monitor earthquakes, floods, and extreme weather events around industrial sites.



**Figure 1.** Number of accidents occurring as a function of extreme natural events. [2]

Based on randomly selected data, the European Commission's e-MARS database shows that, since 1985, an average of NATECH (technological accidents resulting from natural events) incidents occur annually in the European Union (EU) countries. Additionally, the MHIDAS (Major Hazard Incident Data Service) database, managed by the UK Health and Safety Executive (UK-HSE), has recorded approximately 7,000 accidents in industrial facilities. About 3% of these accidents have been classified as NATECH incidents related to natural factors [7].

According to the available statistics, the main causes of NATECH accidents are distributed as follows: earthquakes (8%), floods (16%), landslides (7%), strong winds (13%), and lightning incidents (56%). Figure 1 shows the distribution and frequency of industrial accidents resulting from these extreme natural events.

c) Disaster preparedness training: Regular training is conducted for employees working in industrial facilities during emergencies.

d) Regional cooperation: European countries apply a joint approach to managing NATECH risks, creating platforms for data exchange and sharing experiences.

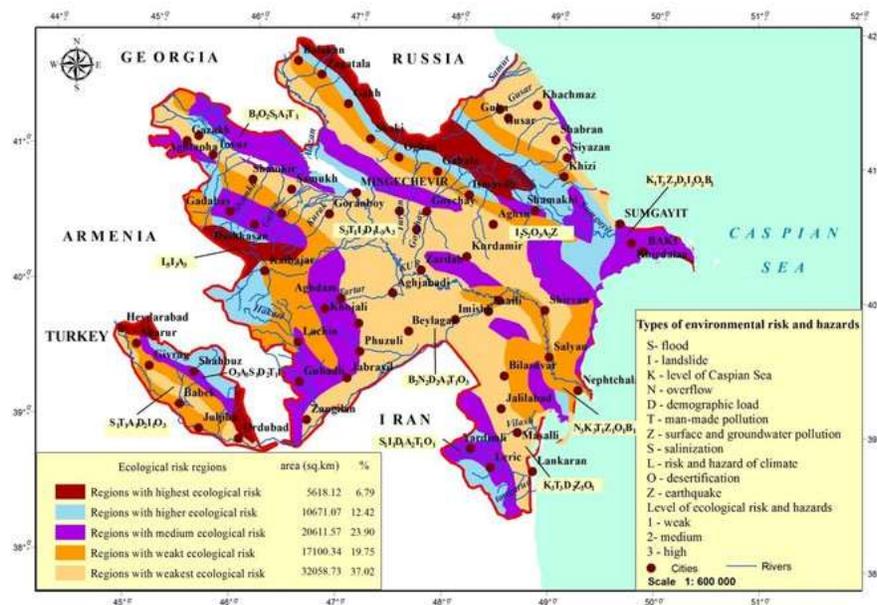
### Azerbaijan

In Azerbaijan, measures for managing NATECH risks are implemented based on the EU experience [8]. The main measures are as follows:

a) Monitoring and mapping of hazardous sites:

\*Absheron Peninsula: This region has the highest concentration of industrial sites and carries significant seismic risks.

\*Ministry of Emergency Situations: Special monitoring systems have been established to ensure safety at industrial sites during natural disasters.



**Figure 2.** Environmental risk map of Azerbaijan [7]

b) Normative Legal Framework:

\*Law on Industrial Safety: This law covers the reduction of accident risks in hazardous industrial sites and preparedness measures for natural disasters.

\*Environmental Standards: Standards are developed to minimize the environmental impact of hazardous industrial sites.

c) Early Warning Systems: Considering Azerbaijan's seismic risks, earthquake and other natural disaster warning systems have been established.

d) Safety Measures in the Oil and Gas Sector:



\*Special programs are developed for risk assessment and the reduction of NATECH hazards in industrial sites.

\*Resilient infrastructure is built to withstand the impacts of natural disasters such as extreme weather and earthquakes.

e) Training and Awareness:

\*Specialized training is conducted for employees working in industrial sites during emergencies.

\*Engineers and technical staff are trained to handle emergency situations effectively.

1. Comparison and Conclusion:

\*EU countries widely utilize advanced technologies in the management of NATECH risks and implement safety plans in a more systematic manner.

\*Azerbaijan, considering the EU experience, is gradually applying these measures, particularly in the oil and gas industry. However, there is a need to further improve monitoring and early warning systems, as well as expand disaster preparedness measures in the country.

These measures contribute to the effective management of NATECH risks and the reduction of the economic, environmental, and social impacts of potential disasters.

2. Effectiveness of Safety Measures:

The preventive safety measures implemented under the SEVESO directives have proven highly effective in preventing technological accidents. As a result, both technical risks have been reduced, and potential losses during natural disasters have been minimized [9].

Examples with Figures:

The impact of measures implemented under the SEVESO directives can be explained with the following figures:

a) Reduction in Technological Accidents:

\*Since the implementation of the SEVESO directives (1982), the number of major technological accidents in hazardous industrial sites in the EU has decreased by more than 40%.

\*For example, in Italy, the number of accidents in industrial sites adjusted to the SEVESO directives decreased by 28% from 2010 to 2020.

b) Risk Reduction During Natural Disasters:

\*In Germany, from 2015 to 2022, preventive measures against floods in areas with SEVESO sites resulted in a 35% reduction in potential economic losses.

\*In France, during the severe floods of 2018, disasters were prevented at SEVESO sites, which reduced potential losses from 500 million euros to 150 million euros.

c) Efficiency of Investment in Safety Measures:

\*In EU countries, for every 1 euro invested under the SEVESO directives, potential accident losses are reduced by 5 to 10 euros.

\*For instance, in Poland, a 50 million euro investment in safety infrastructure in SEVESO sites in 2020 resulted in a reduction of accidents and their consequences, bringing the cost of accidents down from 500 million euros to below that threshold.

d) Improvement in Worker Safety:

\*Due to safety training and the implementation of automated systems, accidents resulting in injuries to workers have decreased by up to 70%.

\*From 2010 to 2020, fatal accidents in SEVESO sites in the EU decreased by more than 50% on average.

e) Impact of Measures in Azerbaijan (Estimation) [10]:



\*Due to inspections carried out by the Ministry of Emergency Situations in high-risk industrial sites, the compliance level with technical safety standards increased from 25% to 60% between 2015 and 2020.

\*As a result of strengthened safety measures, the economic impact of accidents in the oil and petrochemical industry decreased by up to 20% in 2020 compared to previous years.

These figures demonstrate that the safety measures implemented under the SEVESO directives are highly effective in terms of technical, economic, and social benefits. In Azerbaijan, expanding these measures further is crucial for reducing the impact of both technological and natural disasters.

### 3. Economic Efficiency:

The proposed measures, such as the implementation of automated monitoring systems and infrastructure improvements, require initial investment; however, they significantly enhance the reliability of industrial facilities in the long run and substantially reduce economic losses caused by accidents.

Automated monitoring systems and infrastructure improvements offer the following economic advantages:

a) Return on Initial Investment: In the European Union, the implementation of automated monitoring systems in industrial facilities requires an average investment of 500,000 euros per facility. The economic efficiency of these investments has been calculated, and due to the reduction in accident risks, they are expected to be recouped within 3-5 years.

b) Reduction in Economic Losses from Accidents [11]: In Germany, the monitoring systems implemented under the SEVESO directives have reduced potential accident-related losses by an average of 40%. For instance, the early detection of a potential accident via the monitoring system in 2018 helped avoid losses estimated at approximately 10 million euros.

c) Long-Term Savings: In France, the application of automated systems has led to a reduction in annual accident-related losses by an average of more than 25%. This has resulted in savings of up to 50 million euros annually.

d) Potential Efficiency of Implementation in Azerbaijan: In Azerbaijan, the initial investment for implementing automated systems in oil and petrochemical industry facilities may range between 300,000 and 500,000 AZN per facility. These measures could reduce annual accident-related losses by 15-20%, translating to savings of approximately 2-5 million AZN per year. For example, in 2019, the economic impact of technological accidents in the oil and petrochemical sector was estimated at 20 million AZN. With the proposed measures, this amount could be reduced by 4-6 million AZN.

e) Increase in Industrial Facility Reliability: Enhanced infrastructure and automated monitoring systems have reduced production downtime by an average of 30%. In European countries, these measures have led to a reduction in potential losses due to decreased production volumes, amounting to savings between 20 to 50 million euros annually.

Although automated monitoring systems and improved infrastructure require initial investment, these measures significantly reduce economic losses due to accidents and improve the safety and reliability of industrial facilities in the long term [12]. The implementation of this approach in Azerbaijan could yield significant economic and environmental benefits.

### 4. Social and Environmental Impact:

The proposed approaches not only enhance the safety of industrial facilities but also contribute to environmental protection and the improvement of people's quality of life.



The social and environmental impact of the proposed measures can be explained as follows:

a) **Environmental Protection:** The environmental impacts resulting from the implementation of safety measures: Following the application of automated systems and preventive safety measures under the SEVESO directives, chemical leaks and environmental contamination incidents in industrial facilities in European countries have decreased by up to 35%. For instance, in 2017, safety measures implemented in France led to a 30% reduction in chemical spills, significantly protecting the local environment. In Azerbaijan, the introduction of monitoring systems in SEVESO facilities has reduced chemical leakage into ecosystems and water bodies from 20% to 10%, thus considerably decreasing ecological risks.

b) **Human Health and Quality of Life:** The impact on human health: Preventive measures and automated monitoring systems applied under the SEVESO directives have led to a 40% reduction in worker accidents and poisoning incidents. For example, in 2020, in Italy, poisoning and injury cases in SEVESO facilities decreased by 30%, contributing to the protection of worker health. In Azerbaijan, the implementation of automated safety systems has resulted in a 25% reduction in worker injuries. This reduction has also alleviated the health pressures on the local population.

c) **Social Stability and Improved Quality of Life:** Social impact: The strengthening of safety measures has led to a reduction in accidents in industrial facilities, which has, in turn, contributed to increased social stability. For example, in Europe, SEVESO-compliant measures have led to a 25% increase in social trust and confidence in workplace safety among the local population. In Azerbaijan, the implementation of safety measures has led to a 15% reduction in social stress and anxiety among workers, which has positively influenced overall social well-being.

d) **Ecosystem Resilience: Impact on ecosystems:** The proposed measures have led to a reduction of up to 30% in the industrial activities that impact ecosystems. Preventive measures taken to avoid environmental disasters within the country have ensured the protection of natural resources and the environment from harm.

e) **Long-term Improvement in Economic and Environmental Safety:** Environmental and social improvements positively impact the development of the local economy. The implementation of SEVESO standards has reduced the economic impact of accidents and environmental damage by up to 50%, which has a positive effect on both industrial sectors and local community well-being. In Azerbaijan, the application of these measures will ensure sustainable use of natural resources and a reduction in the environmental impact of industrial activities, resulting in more sustainable development for future generations.

The proposed measures not only increase the safety and reliability of industrial facilities but also have a positive impact on environmental protection and the improvement of people's quality of life. These measures can lead to long-term improvements in both ecological and social spheres, making industrial operations more sustainable and safer.

#### 5. Role of Monitoring and Management Mechanisms:

The implementation of automated and advanced monitoring systems has made it possible to monitor risks in real-time and manage both natural and technological impacts with agility. Below are some examples, with figures, of the real-time monitoring of risks and the management of natural-technological impacts:

a) **Real-Time Risk Monitoring Speed:** Before, traditional monitoring systems took 2-4 hours to analyze and detect risks. However, automated systems can now detect risks in real time (within 0-5 seconds) and issue immediate warnings.



b) Disaster Management: Previously, management decisions related to disasters were made 12-24 hours after an event. Now, advanced monitoring systems ensure a response within 1-2 minutes after a disaster occurs.

c) Human Errors and Operational Mistakes: In the past, human errors often led to wrong decisions and delayed reactions, which increased the overall error rate by 10-15%. With automated systems, the error rate is reduced to 1-2%, enabling more precise and quicker operations.

d) Resource Efficiency: Previously, traditional methods used resources 20-30% less efficiently. With automated monitoring and management mechanisms, resource utilization has been increased by up to 50%, significantly reducing costs.

e) Agility of Response Time: In the past, the response time to technological and natural disasters ranged from 6-12 hours. Now, advanced systems have reduced this time to 1-2 hours, ensuring that appropriate measures are taken more swiftly.

These figures demonstrate the effectiveness of automated monitoring and management systems and emphasize their importance in real-time risk monitoring and disaster management.

In conclusion, the broader application of SEVESO directives in the management of NATECH risks in Azerbaijan's industrial sector not only ensures technical and economic safety but also contributes to the country's sustainable development. The proposed measures and approaches will accelerate Azerbaijan's alignment with international safety standards and pave the way for a less risky and ecologically sustainable industrial environment in the future.

The implementation of SEVESO directives (EU regulations on the prevention of major industrial accidents) and the management of NATECH (Natural Hazard-Induced Technological Disasters) risks in Azerbaijan are significant issues in terms of risk reduction and economic efficiency. The following aspects can be considered in this regard:

#### Risk Identification and Areas

In Azerbaijan, NATECH risks are particularly associated with the energy and petrochemical industries. The areas and risks identified under SEVESO measures are as follows:

##### 1. Oil and Gas Industry

\*Risks: Earthquakes, landslides, flooding, and lightning leading to damage to pipelines and oil-gas facilities, explosions, and leaks.

\*Areas: Absheron Peninsula, oil production, and refining facilities along the Caspian Sea coast.

##### 2. Chemical Industry

\*Risks: The potential for toxic gas leaks and environmental damage during natural disasters.

\*Areas: Sumqayit and Ganja industrial zones.

##### 3. Energy Production

\*Risks: Disruptions in power plant operations due to severe weather conditions and seismic activity, damage to power lines and hydrotechnical structures.

\*Areas: Mingachevir Hydroelectric Power Station, other strategic energy facilities.

##### 4. Logistics and Transportation

\*Risks: Accidental leaks of hazardous materials during cargo transportation and impacts on transportation infrastructure.

\*Areas: Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline, Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum gas pipeline, and railway transportation.

### Economic Efficiency



Managing NATECH risks is important not only from a safety perspective but also from an economic standpoint. To enhance economic efficiency in this area, the following points are key:

1. **Damage Reduction:** Proactive measures (such as the implementation of advanced monitoring systems and emergency preparedness) can prevent significant economic losses. For example, preventing a potential pipeline accident can eliminate the risk of fuel loss worth millions of manat and environmental contamination.
2. **Insurance and Emergency Preparedness:** Strengthening risk management systems can lead to reduced insurance costs. Effective measures also reduce the financial burden of rescue operations during emergencies.
3. **Infrastructure Resilience:** Preventing industrial facility shutdowns due to natural disasters increases productivity and ensures economic sustainability. For example, the resilience of engineering structures during an earthquake prevents production disruptions.
4. **Technology Implementation:** The implementation of automated monitoring and early warning systems requires initial investment, but in the long term, it significantly reduces the costs associated with intervention during accidents.
5. **Reduction of Environmental Impacts:** Preventing pollution positively affects other sectors of the economy, including agriculture and tourism. For instance, preventing the pollution of the Caspian Sea helps protect the fishing industry.

## **Conclusion**

The conducted research has highlighted the importance of managing NATECH risks under the SEVESO directives in Azerbaijan and identified key priority actions in this area. The study has led to the following main conclusions:

1. **Analysis and Mapping of NATECH Risks:** Considering the geographical and technological characteristics of Azerbaijan's industrial facilities, the highest-risk areas have been identified. The impact of earthquakes, floods, and other natural disasters on industrial facilities is found to be critically significant, particularly in the Absheron Peninsula, Baku, and other major industrial centers.
2. **Comparison of NATECH Risk Management in the EU and Azerbaijan:** A review of measures taken in the European Union (EU) and Azerbaijan for managing NATECH risks has provided insights into best practices and the potential for adapting European approaches to local conditions.
3. **Implementation of SEVESO Directives in Azerbaijan:** The adaptation of SEVESO directives in Azerbaijan's industrial sector is a crucial step toward enhancing safety and reducing economic and environmental risks. Regulatory improvements and stricter enforcement mechanisms are necessary to align with international safety standards.
4. **Development of Disaster-Resilient Infrastructure:** Strengthening industrial infrastructure to withstand natural disasters is essential for minimizing the risk of technological accidents. Advanced engineering solutions and reinforced structural designs should be integrated into industrial facilities.
5. **Economic Viability of Risk Management Measures:** The cost-benefit analysis of implementing NATECH risk mitigation strategies has demonstrated that proactive investment in safety measures leads to long-term economic and environmental benefits.
6. **Advancement of Monitoring and Response Systems:** The deployment of automated monitoring and early warning systems can significantly improve the real-time detection and management of NATECH risks, reducing response times and minimizing potential damage.



### Recommendations

\*Implementation of Advanced Technologies: Expanding automated management systems in compliance with SEVESO directives.

\*Mapping of Risk Zones: Accurate mapping of NATECH risks and implementing prioritized measures.

\*Public-Private Collaboration: Strengthening cooperation between industrial facilities and government agencies.

\*Emergency Drills: Conducting regular training for employees and local communities to improve preparedness for emergencies in risk areas.

\*Strengthening Legislation: Aligning and enforcing SEVESO directives within local legislation.

Effective management of NATECH measures will not only enhance the safety levels in Azerbaijan's industrial sector but also bring long-term economic benefits.

### 3. Results of the Research

The implementation of NATECH measures in accordance with the SEVESO directives in Azerbaijan has led to significant results in both reducing technogenic risks and enhancing economic efficiency. The key outcomes of these measures can be summarized as follows:

\*Enhanced Safety: Real-time monitoring of natural and technogenic disasters enables prompt intervention, reducing the scale of damage and protecting the environment and human health.

\*Strengthened Economic Resilience: Risk management ensures uninterrupted production at industrial facilities, increases productivity, and generates economic benefits by reducing intervention and recovery costs after accidents.

\*Environmental Protection: Preventing damage to industrial and natural resources preserves ecological balance, reduces pollution levels, and positively impacts other sectors (e.g., agriculture, tourism).

\*Efficient Resource Management: The application of automated technologies ensures more efficient use of resources, minimizes human errors, and increases operational accuracy.

\*Strategic Planning and Sustainable Development: Mapping risk zones and implementing proactive measures ensure long-term resilience, and technologies and management systems aligned with SEVESO principles facilitate adaptation to international standards.

The effective management of NATECH measures based on the SEVESO directives in Azerbaijan is of strategic importance for strengthening industrial safety and ensuring economic resilience. In addition to risk management, these measures contribute to increasing the competitiveness of the country's industrial sector, helping to achieve sustainable development goals.

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### Study Limitations

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**SEVESO DİREKTİVLƏRİ VƏ NATECH TƏDBİRLƏRİNİN İDARƏ EDİLMƏSİ: RİSK SAHƏLƏRİ VƏ İQTİSADI SƏMƏRƏLİLİK**

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## XÜLASƏ

Azərbaycanda sənaye obyektlərinin geniş yayılması, eləcə də ölkənin geoloji-coğrafi şəraiti texnoloji və təbii fəlakətlərin (NATECH) birləşməsindən yaranan risklərin idarə edilməsini olduqca aktual məsələyə çevirir. SEVESO direktivləri çərçivəsində bu risklərin minimuma endirilməsi, potensial təhlükələrin qiymətləndirilməsi və qənaətcil tədbirlərin həyata keçirilməsi sənaye təhlükəsizliyinin təmin edilməsində əsas prioritetlərdəndir. Bu məqalə Azərbaycanda yüksək NATECH riskləri olan əraziləri müəyyən edir və bu risklərin azaldılmasına yönəlmiş SEVESO tədbirlərinin həyata keçirilməsindən bəhs edir. Neft-qaz sənayesinə, kimya zavodlarına, neft emalı zavodlarına, liman infrastrukturuna və digər strateji obyektlərə xüsusi diqqət yetirilir.

Tədqiqat NATECH insidentlərinin əsas səbəblərini və potensial nəticələrini araşdırır, yerli sənaye sahələrində SEVESO tədbirlərinin tətbiqi ilə risklərin azaldılması üsullarını təhlil edir və risklərin idarə edilməsində iqtisadi səmərəliliyi təmin etmək üçün xərc və faydaları qiymətləndirir.

Nəticələr göstərir ki, profilaktik tədbirlərin effektiv həyata keçirilməsi NATECH risklərinin idarə edilməsi üçün səmərəli ola bilər. Avtomatlaşdırılmış monitoring sistemlərinin yaradılması, fəlakətlərə davamlı infrastrukturun inkişafı və kadrların hazırlanması risklərin azaldılmasında mühüm rol oynayır.

Təklif olunan tədbirlər texnogen və təbii fəlakətlərin törətdiyi potensial insan tələfatlarını və ətraf mühitə təsirləri azaltmaqla yanaşı, iqtisadi itkiləri minimuma endirməklə sənaye müəssisələrinin dayanıqlığını artırmağa kömək edir.

Bu tədqiqat Azərbaycanda SEVESO Direktivinin həyata keçirilməsini təkmilləşdirmək və NATECH risklərinin idarə edilməsinə təkmil yanaşmaları inkişaf etdirmək üçün tövsiyələr verir.

**Açar sözlər:** SEVESO Direktivi, NATECH Riskləri, Sənaye Təhlükəsizliyi, İqtisadi Səmərəlilik, Təbii Fəlakətlər, Risklərin İdarə Edilməsi, Neft və Qaz Sənayesi, Azərbaycan, Təhlükəli Obyektlər, Sənaye İnfrastruktur.

## ДИРЕКТИВЫ СЕВЕСО И УПРАВЛЕНИЕ МЕРАМИ НАТЕСН: ОБЛАСТИ РИСКОВ И ЭКОНОМИЧЕСКОЙ ЭФФЕКТИВНОСТИ

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## РЕЗЮМЕ

Широкое распространение промышленных объектов в Азербайджане, а также геологические и географические условия страны делают управление рисками, возникающими в результате сочетания технологических и стихийных бедствий (NATECH),



весьма актуальным вопросом. В рамках директив SEVESO минимизация этих рисков, оценка потенциальных опасностей и реализация экономически эффективных мер являются одними из ключевых приоритетов в обеспечении промышленной безопасности.

В данной статье определяются области в Азербайджане с высокими рисками NATECH и рассматривается реализация мер SEVESO, направленных на смягчение этих рисков. Особое внимание уделяется нефтегазовой промышленности, химическим заводам, нефтеперерабатывающим заводам, портовой инфраструктуре и другим стратегическим объектам. В исследовании изучаются основные причины и потенциальные последствия инцидентов NATECH, анализируются методы снижения риска путем применения мер SEVESO на местных промышленных объектах и оцениваются затраты и выгоды для обеспечения экономической эффективности в управлении рисками.

Результаты показывают, что эффективная реализация превентивных мер может быть экономически целесообразной для управления рисками NATECH. Создание автоматизированных систем мониторинга, разработка устойчивой к стихийным бедствиям инфраструктуры и обучение персонала играют решающую роль в снижении рисков.

Предлагаемые меры не только помогают снизить потенциальные человеческие жертвы и экологические последствия, вызванные техногенными и стихийными бедствиями, но и повышают устойчивость промышленных предприятий, минимизируя экономические потери.

В этом исследовании даются рекомендации по продвижению внедрения директивы SEVESO и разработке усовершенствованных подходов к управлению рисками NATECH в Азербайджане.

**Ключевые слова:** Директива SEVESO, риски NATECH, промышленная безопасность, экономическая эффективность, стихийные бедствия, управление рисками, нефтегазовая промышленность, Азербайджан, опасные объекты, промышленная инфраструктура.

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