

USING SPECIALIZED VEGETATION FOR REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF MINERAL WASTES RELATED TO RADIOACTIVE ORES MINING

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Pollution with uranium can be in connection with preparation and processing factory, but also with the zones where radioactive ore exploitation was achieved. Having in view the behavior of different plants of spontaneous flora in uranium retaining from ore wastes, we can observe that the plants have a differential capacity to concentrate this element. Grass concentrates 3 times more U in roots, *Lepidium draba* 1.5 times and *Holcus vulgaris* don't have this retaining capacity. From the analysis we made of shrubs like *Rubus idaeus* and *Vaccinium myrtillus* we observe that both concentrate the uranium up to 3 times in roots and less in leaves (*Vaccinium myrtillus* concentrate U maximum to 2 times). Fir (*Abies* sp.) retain 3 times more U in roots and needles than in stem, and in trunk can reach contents of 9 times. We considered very interesting the fir compartment because he is a tree which can reach important ages and through uranium concentrating he taking out this element from a large period of time. The uranium ions migration is influenced by solutions pH and was made at positive values of redox potential, ensuring uranium solvability like UO_2^{2+} . The permanent control of the local waters pH must be connected with the Eh, known the fact that in ordinary systems, such as $U - O - H_2O$ or $U - O - H_2O - CO_2$, the uranium have a great mobility at positive Eh.