

Minutes of the meeting of the operative group of the Kiev Party Committee, 7 May 1986

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1. Organise a massive, repeated cleaning of streets, sidewalks, and public spaces: clean lawns, bushes, and trees in the Pechersk, Lenin, and Shevchenko districts at night, from the 7th to the 8th of May of this year. Organise this work in other districts. Devote special attention to the cleaning of streets and sidewalks in the Levoberezhye district.
It should be borne in mind that all open spaces, entrances to the metro stations and other areas that are accessed by a large number of people must be cleaned systematically, several times per day.
For this purpose, street cleaning brigades from factories, organisations, local councils and agencies are to be deployed by the district Headquarters of the Civil Defence; the necessary equipment from factories and organisations is to be mobilised.
2. The heads of factories, organisations and institutions, street cleaners and personnel from other services are to organise an effective control of the compliance with the point (1) above, with the involvement of the workers from the department of city improvement and of the local police inspectors.
3. Take prompt measures to launch active watering systems in the vicinity of public apartment buildings.
4. Complete work on the systems for water delivery that are currently under construction and make them operational as quickly as possible. Organise work on a non-stop (24 hours per day) basis.
5. Prohibit people to remain on the beaches, in the parks and wooded recreation areas for long periods of time in order to prevent the public from coming into contact with soil, grass, or plants that are contaminated with radioactive materials.
6. Strengthen the sanitary oversight in the bottling processes for dairy products, fruit juice and mineral water. Take measures to maximise the use of technological lines of dispensing dairy products into single-use bags/packets.
Increase the level of sanitary control in shops. Organise a team of specialists to selectively inspect one shop and then develop instructions for all remaining shops, based on the results of the observation of the sanitary regime under the current conditions.
Ensure that the baked goods and bread are packaged prior to the sale. Do not supply bread without this form of protection.
Inspect the sanitary conditions of the production, transport and sale of bread along the entire production chain, as it relates to the current situation.

7. Provide free meals for the personnel of all checkpoints at the entrances into the city, to be paid for from the city budget.
8. Establish additional checkpoints at the entrances to the city.
9. Require the Civil Defence Headquarters to organise free meals for the personnel of groups formed by Civil Defence for the completion of work, at the expense of the involved enterprises.
10. Due to the possibility of the speculation in tickets to leave Kiev and the use of personal automobiles for the purpose of making profit, take urgent measures to prevent these occurrences and bring those guilty to justice according to the law. Inform of the results.
11. Ensure detailed radiation monitoring inspections of all buses prior to their use for the transport of the public and take appropriate measures for their decontamination.
12. Present the information about the number of people leaving Kiev by all forms of transport, to the Operation Group, on a daily basis at 19:00.
13. Take note that the Operative Group of Politburo of the Central Committee of Communist Party of Ukraine granted the request of the general directors of the “Mayak” and “Octava” enterprises to relocate the workers evacuated from Chernobyl area with their families (from the “Jupiter” and “Generator” branches of these enterprises) to the city of Kiev, on the condition that the enterprises themselves will address the questions of employment, accommodation and the necessary domestic arrangements.
14. Take measures to provide timely payments of salaries to workers of the city’s enterprises.
15. In special circumstances, as per agreement with workers’ unions, introduce a Special Work Schedule for enterprises and organisations, extending hours of the working day. If necessary, resolve the question of allocation of additional salary funds (work on these questions and find acceptable solutions).
16. Categorically prohibit drying laundry in the open air. Strengthen the control over compliance with this requirement.
17. Agree with the proposal to organise the provision of high demand natural food products for the May holidays to a special contingent of the population (war invalids and veterans, and other categories), with the exclusion of canned meats and sweetened and condensed milk, which could be used for the children in the future.
18. Develop special instructions for the sale of vegetables and provide them to all agricultural produce shops of the city.
19. Organise additional sale of water and basic necessary foods (covered in plastic), in packaged form and in accordance with sanitary standards, at the railway and bus stations, and in the airports.

20. Prepare an order by the Headquarters of the Civil Defence in regards to the necessity of conducting nonstop water cleaning of the premises where large number of people are present (metro and railway stations, enterprises, institutions, organisations), and organise the inspection of the compliance with this order.
21. Prepare a letter requesting the allocation of 50 street water cleaning automobiles.
22. The Headquarters of the Civil Defence is to organise washing stations for the decontamination of road vehicles at the entrances to Kiev from the direction of Borispol and Obukhov.
23. Work on the question of allocating fire engines for the cleaning of trees, consider the use using fire engines located at city factories. Where possible, utilise fire engines from the Administration of Fire Safety for this purpose.
24. Resolve the question of additional space for the temporary storage of contaminated clothing.