KARACHAGANAK OIL AND GAS FIELD THREATENS HEALTH OF CITIZENS:
2003 VILLAGE HEALTH SURVEY RESULTS

In spring 2003, Svetlana Anosova, leader of the Berezovka initiative group, and her partners conducted a house-to-house environmental survey of the village’s nearly 400 homes, and discovered that 45% of Berezovka’s population is chronically ill. Crude Accountability and the Environmental Health Network trained the villagers in community methodologies for collecting environmental health data, utilized by specialists in the United States for the past twenty years. According to environmental health specialists, Linda King and Dr. Janette Sherman, many of the villagers’ severe health problems are consistent with exposure to toxic chemicals, including hydrogen sulfide, carbon monoxide and other by-products of petroleum extraction and processing. More detailed information on the results of the house-to-house survey is charted below, with adult health statistics followed by information on youth illnesses.

Health Ailments Among Adult Population of Berezovka, Kazakhstan
(Total Adult Population Approximately 886 People)
Youth Illness in Berezovka

- Overall Weakness
- Severe Headaches
- Memory Loss
- Frequent Fainting Spells
- Skin Ailments
- Feelings of Aggression*
- Nose Bleeds
- Chest Pains**

Ailments

*Middle School Students were not asked this question
**High School Students were not asked this question