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As national meteorological and hydrological service, Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia (RHMSS) is continually monitoring information related to the movement of ash „cloud“ of volcanic origin that has caused serious disturbance of air traffic over major part of Europe.

Besides usual forecasting charts and satellite images, we also have available forecasting products of British Meteorological Service that is one of authorized and internationally responsible advisory institutions for air traffic safety for the area of eastern Atlantic and Europe (www.metoffice.gov.uk/aviation/vaac/).

The volcanic ash „cloud“ (not visible without instruments) is not expected today above the territory of Serbia.

RHMSS has introduced **experimentally** in operative work the numerical model DREAM for the forecasting of the transport, transformation and deposition of volcanic ash. We emphasize that we shall continue to issue official forecasting of its movement on the basis of forecasting material from British Met Office, internationally authorized and responsible advisory institution.

The latest physical –chemical precipitation analysis from the area of Vojvodina indicate that the acidity of precipitation – precipitation pH is within the range of usual values. In other parts of Serbia there were no precipitation, that is precipitation samples were not taken. On the territory of the Republic of Serbia acid rains make for 20-30%.

Current measurements of the state of air pollution on the territory of the Republic of Serbia indicate that the concentration value of particle matter is in the usual range.

RHMSS will continue to take samples of the precipitation and to make physical-chemical analyses and to make reports on obtained results.