

## **Myslyvyy V. Criminal legal protection of energy resources**

The article deals with issues of criminal liability for encroachments on energy resources and the necessity of increasing their criminal-legal protection.

The author has considered constitutional principles of the Ukrainian people's right to natural resources, in particular such as oil and gas, as well as the problem of criminal legislation regarding ensuring guarantees of proper protection of these energy resources in modern conditions.

There is the analysis of the genesis of criminal legislation of Ukraine aimed at criminal legal protection of energy resources, indicators of criminal-legal statistics, as well as expert assessments of the state of combating crimes in the field of energy resources. The author has paid attention to a spread of criminal attacks on such types of energy resources as oil and gas, and also he has considered the relevant corpus delicti concerning these subjects in the criminal legislation of Ukraine. Based on the analysis of judicial practice, as well as the existing doctrinal provisions, the author has stated that the criminal law in the part of responsibility for committing these socially dangerous acts seems to be imperfect. On the basis of the study he has proposed to provide a separate criminal legal rule (article 1882) in Section VI "Crimes against property" of the Criminal Code of Ukraine among norms containing corpus delicti encroaching such energy resources as oil and gas.

The author has proposed to amend other parts of crimes providing liability for encroachment related to damage of objects of main or industrial oil-, gas-, condensate pipelines and oil product pipelines and violations of their operation order.

**Key words:** crimes against property, energy resources, criminal-legal protection.