Environmental Risks from Damage to Industry and Infrastructure

In any economically developed region military action is a significant environmental hazard. Damage to production facilities, infrastructure or places where food, ammunition or industrial waste are stored can become a source of environmental disaster. At least 360 critical infrastructure facilities in Ukraine were damaged or affected by the fighting throughout February to May 2022. Among them are the most environmentally unsafe ones, including the Chornobyl and Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plants, the Kakhovka and Kyiv hydropower plants, the Avdiivka Coke and Chemical Plant, the Toretsk Ferroalloy Plant, metallurgical plants Azovstal and Illicha in Mariupol, numerous sea ports, oil storage facilities and coal mines.

