Transport noise emanating from the movement of transport vehicles and the operations of ports, airports and rail yards affects human health, through an increase in the risk of cardiovascular diseases. Water quality. Transport activities have an impact on hydrological conditions. They operate actively in solving ecological problems of the Baltic basin. International law and the national laws of the coastal states the regime of environmental protection of the Baltic Sea. The environmental impact of transport is significant because transport is a major user of energy, and burns most of the world's petroleum. This creates air pollution, including nitrous oxides and particulates, and is a significant contributor to global warming through emission of carbon dioxide. Within the transport sector, road transport is the largest contributor to global warming. The environmental impact of transport is significant because it is a major user of energy, and burns most of the world's petroleum. This creates air pollution, including nitrous oxides and particulates, and is a significant contributor to global warming through emission of carbon dioxide, for which transport is the fastest-growing emission sector. By subsector, road transport is the largest contributor to global warming.