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System understanding of the Arctic-boreal regions for scenarios and assessments of the the Northern Pan-Eurasian environments

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The PEEX research results are used for producing different types of scenarios and assessments on the impacts of climate change and air quality changes on human population, society, energy resources and capital flows. PEEX will also provide information for mitigation and adaptation strategies for the changing Arctic environments and societies, and will also carry out risk analysis of both human activities and natural hazards (floods, forest fires, droughts, air pollution).

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