

On May 9, 1986 when, by way of an experiment, "Tyumenlesprom" had already changed over to new conditions of management, your newspaper published my correspondence dealing with this problem under the heading "In a Fog of Paper". Since then, a lot of water has flowed in the Ob'-Irtysch Basin. An economic mechanism is being perfected and the Association's enterprises and also "Tyumenlesprom" have completely converted to the profit-and-loss system of accounting and self-financing. Nevertheless, the authoritarian, clerical and bureaucratic methods of administration continue as before. Even so, in the decisions of the 27th Congress of the CPSU plans were announced to perfect the style and methods of administration by economic means. In the Political Report of the CC CPSU there is a statement that the time has come to put an end once and for all, to the petty stewardship of enterprises practised by ministries and departments. The Congress called for a decisive struggle against bureaucracy and unnecessary paperwork. But for the present, alas, there is no clearing in the fog of paper...

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