

Environmental Concerns Delay Yamal Projects

Yamalo-Nenets Region: The Yamalo-Nenets Regional Committee recently confirmed a ban on construction projects in the areas around the gas-fields situated on the Yamal peninsula. The technical and economic substantiation documentation presented by the Ministry of the Gas Industry was acknowledged to be lacking, particularly with regard to the ecological aspects. The completion dates for the opening of the Yamal gas industry have thus been postponed by several years. However, the proprietors of the territory think that rash decisions could result in even greater losses.

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The Atom in the Fleet and Ecology

Nuclear energy is now at the center of attention. After the tragedy at the Chernobyl' AES it lost the confidence of the people. People now look suspiciously at anything associated with nuclear energy. The civilian nuclear fleet is no exception, and the family of nuclear-powered ships is constantly increasing. In the Murmansk shipping line four ice-breakers are operating - the "Lenin", the "Arctic", the "Sibir'", the "Rossiya", and the lighter tug "Sevmorput'". Nearing completion are four more ships - the "Yaygach", the "Taymyr", the "Oktyabrskaya Revolyutsiya" and the "Sovetskiy Soyuz". How safe are ships with nuclear energy power-plants onboard?