

Some time ago, arising from a decree of the USSR Council of Ministers relating to the strengthening of anti-pollution measures in the Baltic Sea basin, the Union-Republic Ministry ratified a programme of action which included, inter alia, the total cessation of the dumping of untreated effluents by 1985. By that time, the association's waste waters were to have been "diverted" to the municipal purification plants operated by Vil'nyus, which means that a pumping station, a conduit and a collector tank were to have been built. But the plan was never implemented. The USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry failed to allocate the funds for the design, construction-and-assembly, and contractual operations.

Today, history is repeating itself. In 1987, USSR Gosplan ratified an "Improved Programme for the Building of Nature Conservation Works at Enterprises of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry During the Period 1987 - 1990". According to the programme the construction of the pumping station and conduit from the association's main enterprise to the municipal reservoir must begin in 1989 and be completed in 1990. However, these dates also, which had been approved by USSR Gosplan and coordinated with the Council of Minister of the Lithuanian SSR, are threatened with disruption. The fact is that, of the volume of works planned for the current year, less than half of the 1,300,000 roubles required has been allocated. The decision was taken by the Gosplan of the Republic. Repeated appeals to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Lithuania, the Council of Ministers of the Republic and the Supreme Soviet of the Lithuanian SSR have been to no avail.