appropriated next year? At construction rates of this order the Timber Ministry will need more than thirty years before the capacities finally come on stream.

But the Combine is already dumping about 40 million cubic metres of untreated effluents into the Volga every year, as well as discharging almost 14,000 tonnes of harmful substances into the atmosphere.

Perhaps this meeting will enable us to bring the anger and disquiet felt by the citizens of Volzhsk to the attention of the Minister of the Timber Industry and request that immediate measures be taken to solve these problems.

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## New Data Bank on Pesticide Residues

Almost any information on pesticides - their dispersion in the groundwater, soils and atmosphere, the amounts accumulated and their composition - can be obtained from a unique data bank, established at the Institute of Geological Sciences of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian SSR. It has become an important tool for use by specialists in the campaign against the consequences of intensive chemicalization. The data bank marks the first attempt to harness science in the attack on problems resulting from the use of chemical compounds. Not only does it provide a glimpse of the true picture of