

firemen, that is when there is a breakdown. Our remarks and requests are disregarded by the Amur regional administration of the Department of Medical Technology; we do not come under its jurisdiction. The same lack of co-ordination, in my opinion, also prevents the creation of a reliable and efficient "life security" system in the BAR zone. True, a program dubbed "Health" has been developed for builders and railroad men but it has elicited no interest on the part of enterprise managers. This is understandable - they are responsible for fulfilling the plan and not for the health of their workers. So until this policy changes, we shall not progress beyond wishful thinking. However, it is time that we all realized that health is a national asset and that it must not be squandered so thoughtlessly.

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