

State Fire Inspectorate and civil defence organization, and the substantial drop in the operational efficiency with which violators of forest safety requirements are being identified and made accountable for their actions.

In general, the work of the RSFSR Ministry of Forestry with respect to the matter under consideration is rated unsatisfactory. In particular, nothing has been done to increase the specific outlays on aerial protection. In the RSFSR they are several times lower than in other republics.

The Ministers of Forestry in the Kazakh Republic and the Ukrainian Republic, the acting General Director of the "Uzbekles" Association and the General Director of the "Turkmenleskhoz" Association have been criticised for the unacceptable slackening of activities with respect to fire prevention and the organization of forest fire control measures.

Directors at all levels responsible for the preservation of the forests have been instructed to carefully analyse the results of the past year and work out specific measures to correct the state of affairs in this area. Arrangements must be made to conduct an official investigation into the reasons for the genesis and spread of each major fire and to hold the guilty parties accountable.

The Ministries of Forestry in the Ukrainian Republic, the Belorussian Republic and the RSFSR must provide for an enhanced level of forest protection in areas that are subject to radioactive pollution consequent upon the Chernobyl disaster.