

on accelerating the development of wind power engineering. The Ministry of Power Engineering Industry and Power Machinery Manufacturing of the USSR did not organize the production of generating equipment, and the State Planning Committee of the USSR did not initiate special-purpose financing.

Another important source of energy left practically without consideration is the deep heat of the Earth. Just the thermal hydrogeological resources discovered so far could alone replace 40 million tons of reference fuel annually. Most of these resources are also found on the territory of the Russian Federation. However, even the minimal tasks delineated by the program for the Republic are not being accomplished. For instance, 275 thousand tons of reference fuel were saved last year due to the use of geothermal energy. This constituted only 83 per cent of the planned amount.

Things are seriously hindered by a narrowly bureaucratic approach and lack of economic incentives. For many years now, the Ministry of Fisheries of the USSR and the Ministry of the Natural Gas Industry of the USSR have not solved the problem of constructing a heatline from the Pauzhet thermal water field to the Ozernovskii Fish Canning Industrial Group on Kamchatka, which would eliminate the need to deliver expensive coal to the enterprise. In the meantime, the Pauzhet Geothermal Electric Power Plant works at half capacity, and the condensate formed in the process is dumped into water reservoirs at a temperature of about 100°C. In contrast, in other countries, not only has the conversion been accomplished to exploiting fields by means of intensive technology on the basis of geothermal circulation systems, but in addition, many minerals are being successfully extracted from the ground waters.