

Sukhona Pulp and Paper Mill and the Sokol Pulp and Paper Combine, and consequently, on the availability of financing and equipment.

What was referred to as a very important document was signed at USSR Minlesprom in December 1988: the State Programme for the Construction of Nature Conservation Works and the Accomplishment of Other Measures During the Period 1988-1995. According to it, pulp and paper mills must phase out the discharging of polluted waste waters into bodies of water and reduce to set norms emissions of harmful substances into the atmosphere.

The intention is to attain by 1990 planned indices for the quality of purified water and atmospheric emissions at all of the sector's enterprises where purification systems exist or are being introduced.

The third stage of the programme will be realized, in the main, by 1995, by which time, engineering solutions are expected to ensure enhanced standards of air and water quality.

The final stage will be this devising of fundamentally new, ecologically safe technologies, highly efficient methods of water use and air and water purification, and ensuring the rational use of energy and raw materials.

In concluding, it is stated that although the plans drawn up at the Ministry are encouraging, as to how realistic they are, only time will tell.

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