

TV Transmitter Erected using Helicopters from Komi
Civil Aviation Directorate

In addition to other projects, the collective of the Petrozavodsk construction-and-installation administration of "Sevzapstal'konstruktsiya" [Suggested expansion: Northwestern Trust of the Main Administration for the Manufacture of Steel Structural Parts and the Installation of Steel and Combined Reinforced-Concrete Structural Parts in Industrial Construction] builds television broadcasting stations in the Karelian ASSR. This enables inhabitants from the remote regions of the republic to obtain reliable reception of programs beamed by Central Television (Moscow) and Karelian Television (Petrozavodsk).

The next site for the construction of the 253-metre relay transmitter was selected 150 kilometers from Petrozavodsk, not far from the district centre of Suoyarvi.

"This time," says construction and-installation administration chief S.P. Nikolayev, "we decided to use an air crane to hoist and erect heavy steel structures. For this purpose, we invited the helicopter pilots of the Ukhta detachment of the Komi Civil Aviation Directorate. The new method surpassed all our expectations. It took the crew of the Mi-10K helicopter, headed by A. Egorov, 11 days to raise and install the final 24-metre section of the transmitter."

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