

All forests, except those worked by collective farms, are to be placed under the jurisdiction of the USSR State Committee for Forestry (Goskomles) in order that they can be made available for leasing. In 1990 a State reforestation programme is to be developed and approved. A set of urgent measures are to be carried out with a view to making improvements in forest fire prevention and control.

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Archangel Oblast: Permission to Overfell and Continuing  
Pollution Heavily Criticised by People's Deputy

(Excerpts from an interview with People's Deputy Viktor Aleksandrovich Gubin, Engineer-Technologist at the Solombala Pulp and Paper Combine)

Q. "Our editors are swamped with letters of complaint from readers in Archangel. Any comments on this?"

A. "The problems of the All-Union Sawmill, as Archangel is being called, stem from the fact that almost 200,000 people are employed here in the sub-sector. But as to their living and working conditions... during the brief period that I have been a People's Deputy, so many heartaches have been poured out to me that it would be beyond the ability of one individual to relate them all. But let me tell you in detail about the kinds of problems with which I have to deal. It is in our Oblast that the largest wood chemical complex in the country has been developed, that is to say, the combines that produce the lion's share of the country's pulp and paper. But they are simultaneously the centres of origin of the region's ecological stress, for they are poisoning the natural