

not managed to avoid leaving a mess behind them in the tundra. Investigation by the Nar'yan-Mar Hydrochemical Laboratory of sites of the Seventh Field Expedition revealed the careless disposal of oil products, and "littering" of the territory with garbage and metal scrap.

This is what was written recently in the district newspaper, Nar'yana Vynder, by R. Neronov, head of the laboratory. "I have been involved in the preservation of nature at drilling sites since 1972", he remarked, "but have not yet solved all the problems. The main cause is the indifference of the officials, their inaction, and even their deception. This deception, in the words of the author, results in the expenditure of resources with no benefits, resulting in a waste of money. Geologists have not yet developed methods for purifying and using process water. For some reason not only do the officials need a feasibility study of the most obvious things, they need it on paper, at the level of a research institute. However, it is enough to fly over the tundra in a helicopter in the spring to see the effluent from the drilling sites flowing into the Arctic basin.

"We must set up teams, provide them with equipment to reclaim the lands, to rehabilitate the pasture," remarked V. Dostenko, chief geologist of the Khoreyversk expedition. "At the oil-patch, we must be very strict about every breach. Look, helicopters return to base empty, while metal scrap still lies about on the tundra..."

And yet one more opinion.

"Do I look like a barbarian?" asked M. Rud'ko, our best tool pusher, clearly offended. "I love the tundra. When the geese take wing, when in