

Answer: "Not yet. We will have a sensation when we design appropriate technology for gas extraction. We are working on this problem. The technology will appear as soon as there is a burning need for it. Right now there is a need for a new gas and oil producing region. We must work on the idea of opening up the subterranean wealth of Eastern Siberia."

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Junction

A weld of a "red" joint ends the laying of a gas pipe in the northern parts of Tyumen' Region - Surgut-Omsk. It will be used already this year to send fuel to the south of Western Siberia from the Urengoi and Vyngapur deposits. In the settlement of Krutaya Gorka, a siphon extended through Irtysh was linked with the main line by pipe layers from the "Omsknefteprovodstroi" trust. Already this autumn, the 1,220 millimetre diameter gas main will bring "blue fuel" to the TETs-3 and to Omsk's "Kirovska" regional boiler-house.

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