

a number of important economic, social, and ecological problems in the region.

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### Siberian Oil Flows to the Desert

Construction has been completed on the Tyumen - Neftezavodsk Oil Pipeline, which will carry oil from Siberia to the Chardzhou Oil Refinery.

Neither swamps nor quicksand could prevent the specialists of the 'Glavturkmenneftegazstroi' Corporation (Main Administration of Oil and Natural Gas Industry Construction, Turkmen Region) from completing this project on time. Neftezavodsk, which has grown up in the middle of the desert, is to become a major industrial centre of the Chardzhou Oblast, and it is here that the Eastern Turkmen Territorial Production Complex is taking shape. Among the industrial sectors planned for development here are natural gas, mining and chemicals, among others.

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