

OIL AND GAS

Streams of Gas

Academician A.A. Trofimuk Discusses the Strategy for  
Extracting Gas and Oil in Eastern Siberia

Question: "Dr. Trofimuk, you have been speaking publicly for many years about Eastern Siberia as a very promising region for the extraction of gas and oil. To quote only one of your statements: 'We expect to find concentrations of gas and oil deposits on par with those in the Western Siberian lowlands'. This is from a newspaper, For Science in Siberia, in 1969. Since then there have been articles from time to time in various publications showing that your predictions have come true. Speaking at a meeting between Mikhail Gorbachov and scientists during his recent visit to the Krasnoyarsk area, you proposed to create large-scale gas and oil fields in Eastern Siberia. What exactly do you have in mind? How effectively is the mineral wealth of this region being utilized?"

Answer: "There has not yet been a full-scale discussion about gas and oil in Eastern Siberia. The existence of large reserves of raw hydrocarbons in this region was established in the late sixties. There are nearly twice as many areas marked for exploration as exist in Western Siberia. Their potential oil and gas deposits are enormous. To provide some idea of the scale of their deposits, here are a few examples.

The Yurubcheno - Takhomskoe deposit was discovered in the middle of the Podkamennaya Tunguska River in Krasnoyarsk district which, according to estimates, contains several hundred