

Perhaps that is so, but how then do you explain the fact, inquires the public, that along the entire route of the atomic icebreaker no emergency services have been provided which could bring assistance, and that not even a simple notification to the inhabitants of the coastal villages about its passage has been foreseen? Why was it that only after the "Taymyr" had been launched did this become known on the peninsula? Was it really impossible to involve the local ichthyologists in an investigation of the consequences of the icebreaker's operation in the nearby waters? These ichthyologists are now more concerned about cleaner polynia (areas of open water in ice) than the operations of diesel powered icebreakers.

The feeling on the Taymyr is that a commission of experts is needed, to study all these problems. I would like to add only one thing myself: why should such a commission be assembled after, rather than before, the launching of the atomic icebreaker? Why, in making the decision about its construction, did the maritime department not find the time to inquire about the opinions of people living along the shores of the Siberian river?

I contacted Murmansk and they assured me that an arrangement had been reached with the Taymyr authorities concerning a one-time visit of the nuclear-powered vessel into the estuary of the Yenisey so that Dudinka residents could be convinced of its absolute safety. Moreover, a delegation from the autonomous okrug visited the Kola Peninsula. A decision was made to revoke the ruling of the Okrispolkom to prohibit the visit of the nuclear-powered vessel into the inland waters of the Taymyr. Several days ago a nuclear-powered vessel visited the lower reaches of the Yenisey for the first time.

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