

protection facilities; the main services have a branched structure and, therefore, the buildings and facilities can be added on to. The construction of bases for the USSR Ministry for Construction in the North-Western Regions and the USSR Ministry for Installation and Special Construction Work, is almost finished. Without real help from the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry and other ministries and departments, the construction project will continue to skid along as before and the project will remain just halfway complete.

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New Wood Fibreboard Technology Pushed to the Sidelines

Scientists from the Leningrad Technological Institute of the Pulp and Paper Industry came up with a promising development four years ago, which, unfortunately, has been ignored by the industry. Time is passing by and it seems more than likely that we will soon have to buy this original technology abroad with foreign currency. This sort of thing has happened before.

Wood fibreboard production is far from perfect. There are technical inadequacies as well as economic problems. The problem is that during the production process a part of the glue substances, mixed in with the water, are removed from the pulp and end up in the enterprise's effluent. Sanitary norms for phenol and formaldehyde content in industrial wastes are very stringent, and it is very difficult for the enterprise to observe them. Furthermore, certain amounts of a free, unreactivated tar are left in the boards themselves.