

Concern About Mill Effluents - New
Production Techniques Discussed

The pulp-and-paper industry is one of the main industrial offenders in the Soviet Union in terms of discharging polluted effluents into bodies of water. The two cases of the Priozersk Pulp-and-Paper Plant on Lake Ladoga and the Lake Baikal Pulp-and-Paper Complex, both of which had to convert to another type of production, have been very unfortunate.

This type of measure is very costly for our economy, but past mistakes must be corrected and our largest bodies of water saved.

Our correspondents discussed this issue with Academician Dr. Boris Nikolaevich Laskorin, who is Chairman of the Commission on Water Conservation Problems, a member of the USSR Academy of Sciences Scientific Council on the Biosphere, and Chairman of the Committee on Environmental Protection, of the Union of Scientific and Engineering Societies.

Opening:

"Dr. Laskorin, you are regarded as one of the earliest and most respected defenders of the environment, especially Lake Baikal. Your opinion is therefore especially valuable for our readers."

Response:

"The USSR Academy of Sciences and our Committee is continuing to work out a concept based on the following principles. Our forests and waters are not merely objects for industrial use. They must