

But most important - there is a purpose. What a long way we are from efficiency, not only in felling and primary conversion but also in the utilization of valuable raw material! Whatever figure you look at, it causes mental anguish. For instance: every year we simply let rot 20 million cubic metres of timber. All this because the level of treatment with preservatives is unacceptably low. But preservation prolongs the service life of forest products from 5-8 to 20-25 years. And what do we have in the way of progressive kinds of forest products (boards, plywood, etc.?) They amount to a mere 22% in the total mass of products (as against 57% in the developed countries). And can we accept the fact that 95 million cubic metres of timber - one quarter of all procurements for the country as a whole, go just for fuel?

It is clear that the problem of the timber deficit (amounting to 25 million cubic metres annually) must be solved not by increasing fellings, but by the active introduction of resource-saving technologies. It doesn't suit us one bit that of 45.7 million cubic metres of annually-generated waste, only 40.7 million are used. And even of this fraction, only three-quarters are being used to meet production requirements. We are sending only 40-50% of our waste for board production, as against 80-85% in Finland. Just try to think of a new word to denote the concept of "waste". The old term is clearly a misnomer...

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### Complaints About Wasteful Felling Practices and Overexploitation in the Angara Region

Statement. The timber complex of the Boguchanskii district in the Angara region accounts for 96 per cent of all the merchantable output originating in the district. This comprises almost seven million cubic metres of Angara timber and more than 11,000 tonnes of resins.