

forestry, and enables the logging industry to be integrated with sawmilling. In the process, lower yards become unnecessary. With such a method and with preservation of the productive potential of the ecosystems, both selective and clear fellings are possible.

I maintain that restructuring in our sector should be directed along these lines. (Signed L. Sergin, Engineer).

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Need to Recycle Activated Sludge and other Industrial Wastes

In my opinion, the "Ecological Problems" section of the Draft Concept of the Development of the Timber Industry lacks clarity. No reference is made to current thinking about the involvement of wastes in commodity production.

Several years ago, a special purpose programme known as "Sludge" gained recognition among scientific organizations and the pulp and paper mills of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry. Scientists had proposed specific ways of utilizing the recovered stock being derived during mechanical seepage of wastes, and also the activated sludge which is a product of bacterial activity during biological treatment. Some of the experiments have now found a permanent application, for example, obtaining wood fibreboard from recovered stock at the Svetogorsk Pulp and Paper Combine. Others still