

When will extraction of the fuel begin in the Arctic?

"You don't discover a deposit one day and begin pumping oil or gas from it the next," said Yu. Fedorovsky. "Time will be needed to get more precise information on the reserves and to work out the technology to extract it and transport it to the mainland."

In April the USSR Ministry of the Oil and Gas Industry joined companies from Norway, the USA and Finland in signing an agreement on the joint formulation of criteria to assess the technical and economic feasibility of developing the Shtokmanov deposit, which is one of the largest marine gas reserves in the world. It is planned that the drafting of the document will be completed this year, after which the parties to the agreement will decide when and how to implement it. People are confident that the gas deposits on the shelf near the coasts of the Kola Peninsula will be in the use before the end of this decade. Searches for new arctic marine reserves and the prospecting of ones that have already been discovered are continuing.

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Pipeline Breaks a Common Occurrence in the
Northern Tyumen' Region

It happened approximately 150 kilometres from the town of Noyabr'sk. The cultivator tooth of a powerful Komatsu tractor tore through an inter-field gathering main 159 millimetres in diameter as if it were thread. For two and a half hours oil gushed from the pipe until the break was discovered and the valves were shut off.