

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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The trip by a group of journalists, together with workers from the Archangelsk District Committee on the Preservation of Nature, and members of the "Ecology of the North" Association along the expanse of the Northern Dvina, revealed that the ecological condition of the river is far from satisfactory.

The travellers saw cluttered shores and floating remains of oil products. One of the cheerful expedition members led the group to the Archangelsk petroleum base. A marine accident had occurred near the base, due to a lack of coordination in actions on the part of the crew of the vessel RT-246 and the commander of Barge 2330. The barge sustained a hole while at anchor and a large amount of diesel fuel poured into the river.

"We counted 11 potential sources of pollution along Archangelsk harbour," recounted V. Sadkov, a member of the "Ecology of the North" expedition. "The necessity to create an external department on the prevention of pollution by petroleum products has long since become urgent.

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What Will Things be Like Then?

Murmansk Oblast. The main culprit responsible for environmental contamination in our city is the "Severonikel'" Iron and Steel Works,