

Karelia has hardly improved. Now one, now another enterprise has to close down temporarily because the finished products are not being shipped out. How long will this continue?

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Okulovka: Clean-Up of Peretna River

In 1882 a sulphite pulp mill was put on stream in the village of Parakhino near Okulovka station where the Pastburgs, a foreign family, operated several paper mills. Since that time harmful effluent has been flowing into the lower reaches of the Peretna river. The mill grew up to become the Okulovka Pulp and Paper Combine and the amount of effluent increased as well. The river was transformed into a sewer.

Efforts were made, starting in 1974, to decrease the amount of effluent and to render it harmless. But nothing much was really accomplished.

The Okulovka Combine became part of the "Novgorodlesprom" Association in 1985. This Association undertook to build some purification facilities, which are to come on stream this year. Recently it was decided to cut production of chemical pulp by 22,000 tonnes annually. The alcohol-yeast shop was closed as well. From now on the tonnes of harmful suspended particles, phenol, lignin, and formaldehyde, will no longer be poured into the river. Furthermore, only four-and-a-half million cubic metres of fresh river water will be used in production annually.