

The record cross-country flight to the Far East was, as it turns out, the AN-74' dress rehearsal for flights to the Antarctic.

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### The Steel Arteries at Airports

A steel artery seventy kilometres long connects the Angarsk oil refinery with the Irkutsk Airport.

The Irkutsk Airport needed this, so to speak, 'nourishment system' for a long time. The new fuel pipeline is one of the most important steps in the reconstruction begun here.

More than a quarter of the fuel for all civic transportation of the country today is delivered via the main pipelines from oil refineries and oil storage bases.

The single fuel pipeline built last year in the Vorkuta Airport is on a more modest scale. Its length is three kilometres. But it extends from the railroad branch-line to the storage of fuel-libricant materials, and plays a significant role in ensuring regular air transportation.

Also, an inter-storage fuel pipeline was put into operation recently in Karaganda, as well as fuel lines to pre-platform filling stations for fuel trucks in the Penza and Syktyvkar Airports.