

Should we not follow their example? The time for doing so is doubtless long overdue. This matter is vitally important for Tyumen' as an oil-and-gas-producing area.

Seismic activity is bad. Permafrost is very bad. Permafrost plus seismic activity adds up to a veritable catastrophe. Even a mild earthquake in permafrost aggravates the consequences by a factor of ten, a hundred, a thousand. And if this permafrost is "flabby"? Have we any right to be complacent? Tyumen' is a case where we have no right to a mistake. We must prevent mistakes. Suppose that we are not right, that we are "playing safe". But Yamburg, Medvezh'ye and Urengoi are still so serious that playing safe is no sin: The stakes here are so high that no kind of playing safe is amiss.

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