

The cost of electric power produced by atomic power plants is also rising. After the accident at the Chernobyl' Nuclear Power Plant we had to create effective means of electronic protection and to work on designing safer reactors. All this required additional funds.

Such economically objective analysis leads to an understanding of the fact that expenditures invested in ecologically clean energy are already today comparable with the costs of traditional energy, and in the future the wind and solar energy will be even cheaper.

During the Session of the Permanent Commission of the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR¹ attention was paid to the fact that the work of developing alternative energy sources is seriously hindered by bureaucratic lack of unity. In particular, the tasks of ensuring the saving of organic fuel are given to the local Soviets, while the work is performed by organizations of the central Ministries, each of which implements first and foremost its own policy, giving secondary status to the interests of territories. It is obvious that the central Ministry responsible for the use of geothermal waters, namely, the Ministry of Natural Gas Industry, has more of a headache over the production of gas than over the introduction of new technologies into power engineering. The situation is the same regarding the energy of the Sun. Solar power generators are produced by both the Ministry of Non-Ferrous Metallurgy of the USSR and the Ministry of Building Materials of the USSR. And for everyone this technology is "an illegitimate child".

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