

This storage site has been in existence for five years without provoking any protest. The Goskomgidromet commission, following a thorough verification, reported that everything was in order. So what is the fuss all about? It seems it is possible to store radioactive wastes on shore reliably.

The "discovery" is proof, once again, that the hullabaloo around construction of a new storage site does not correspond to its actual threat to the residents of the city. People's anxiety about the future, in and of itself, is understandable and justified. It is the result of a rise in public awareness, which demands that all of the curtains of secrecy be removed from around the phenomena that cause people concern. And it is a good thing that we are no longer accepting everything uncritically. Without the upsurge in public concern about the present and future, the secrets of the "Atomflot" RTE would have remained locked behind a wall of secrecy. Public vigilance has already had an impact. The independent commission, having given an overall approval to continue construction, justifiably raised the question of conducting additional calculations regarding seismic safety and the effects of shock waves in the event of an explosion. The commission affirmed the need to continue work on creating a regional storage site and then a permanent burial ground for radioactive wastes. It is true that, in the case of something like atomic energy, additional insurance can only be a plus. But we mustn't throw the baby out with the bath water!

People's deputies should go and visit the base which Services the atomic fleet. Up to now, when I've gone there, the only people going along were school children...

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#### Northern Salmon Sport Fishing for Foreigners

The compulsion to sell anything to get a hundred dollars has driven "business people" from the Kola Peninsula abroad. A delegation of their representatives, headed by deputy chairman of the Oblast Council of People's Deputies N. Voloshinov, is proposing to grant a contract giving it the exclusive right to organize sport fishing for northern salmon on the protected Ponoï River by foreign tourists.