

know of a case here in which diesel fuel was kept in one of the reservoirs for fifteen years. The quality of the fuel, as analysis showed, had not deteriorated in the least."

"How do you build such unusual facilities? Permafrost is not the easiest medium to build in..."

"We use a hydraulic sluicing technique. In simple terms, it looks something like this. We drill two holes. Into one we pump water under pressure. Out of the other the frozen deposits come to the surface. And deposits of this kind (not rocky) are fairly plentiful here -- in the huge plains and in the floodplains of large rivers. And it is here, by the way, that the basic agricultural production of our northern Republic is concentrated.

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