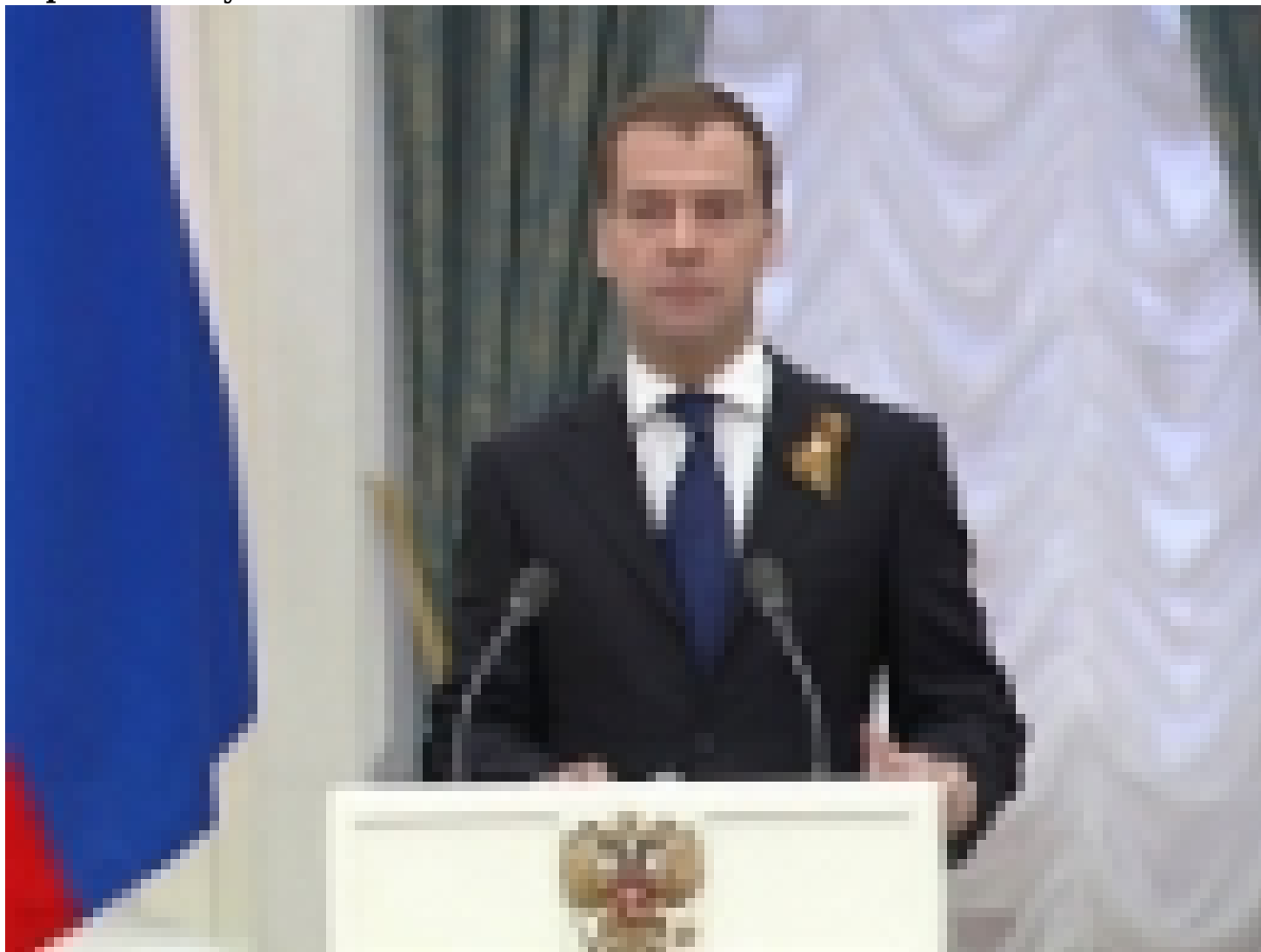




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According to the Decree of the President of 6 May 2010 №554 “About the improvement of the unified state system of prevention and response to emergencies”, EMERCOM of Russia has the function to control the work of paramilitary mine rescue units.

The complex of emergency response and engineering on sites of metallurgy and power-engineering is performed by paramilitary mine rescue units with manpower of 4742 people. Up to the present day they were in charge of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Russian Federal Service of Ecological, Technological and Nuclear Supervision, the Ministry of Energetic. These units include: in the Ministry of Industry and Trade – Federal State Unitary Enterprise “Metallurgbezopasnost” (1666 people), in the Russian Federal Service of Ecological, Technological and Nuclear Supervision – Federal State Institution “Management of Paramilitary Mine Rescue Units in Building and Construction” (579 people), in the Ministry of Energetic – Open Joint Stock Company “Paramilitary Mine Rescue Emergency Response Unit” (2497 people).

“Mining engineering and metallurgy have their own specificity. In order to avoid disintegration of exclusive rescuers, to have the possibility of centralized management of manpower and resources, they have been handed in charge of EMERCOM,” said deputy minister of emergency situations Alexander Chupriyan.

Departmental disunity of paramilitary mine rescue units had a negative influence on the state of their preparedness, led to decentralization of management, worsened equipment status and the level of response. This demanded involvement of federal manpower and resources in case of emergency response.

Handover of the mentioned above organizations in charge of EMERCOM will provide prompt response to emerging dangers, exclude interdepartmental protraction, decrease financial expenditures, raise financial and equipment base and preparedness of emergency manpower and resources, and will also facilitate their further consolidation with the aim of improvement of the system of safety control of organizations and population. “Now mine-rescuers will have common management; this will provide

