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World Regional Geography

Current Geographic Issues

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Disintegration of the USSR

1985 – General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev

1986-1988 Eastern Europe “Soviet Bloc”

**1989 – CNN and the internet
Congress of Peoples Deputies**

19–21 August 1991 – coup d'état fails

**December 26, 1991 - dissolution of
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics**



The Disintegration of the USSR

Guns and Butter- USA 7% GDP
Guns and No Butter- USSR 27%

1. *Armenia*
2. *Azerbaijan*
3. *Belarus*
4. *Estonia*
5. *Georgia*
6. *Kazakhstan*
7. *Kyrgyzstan*
8. *Latvia*
9. *Lithuania*
10. *Moldova*
11. *Russia*
12. *Tajikistan*
13. *Turkmenistan*
14. *Ukraine*
15. *Uzbekistan*



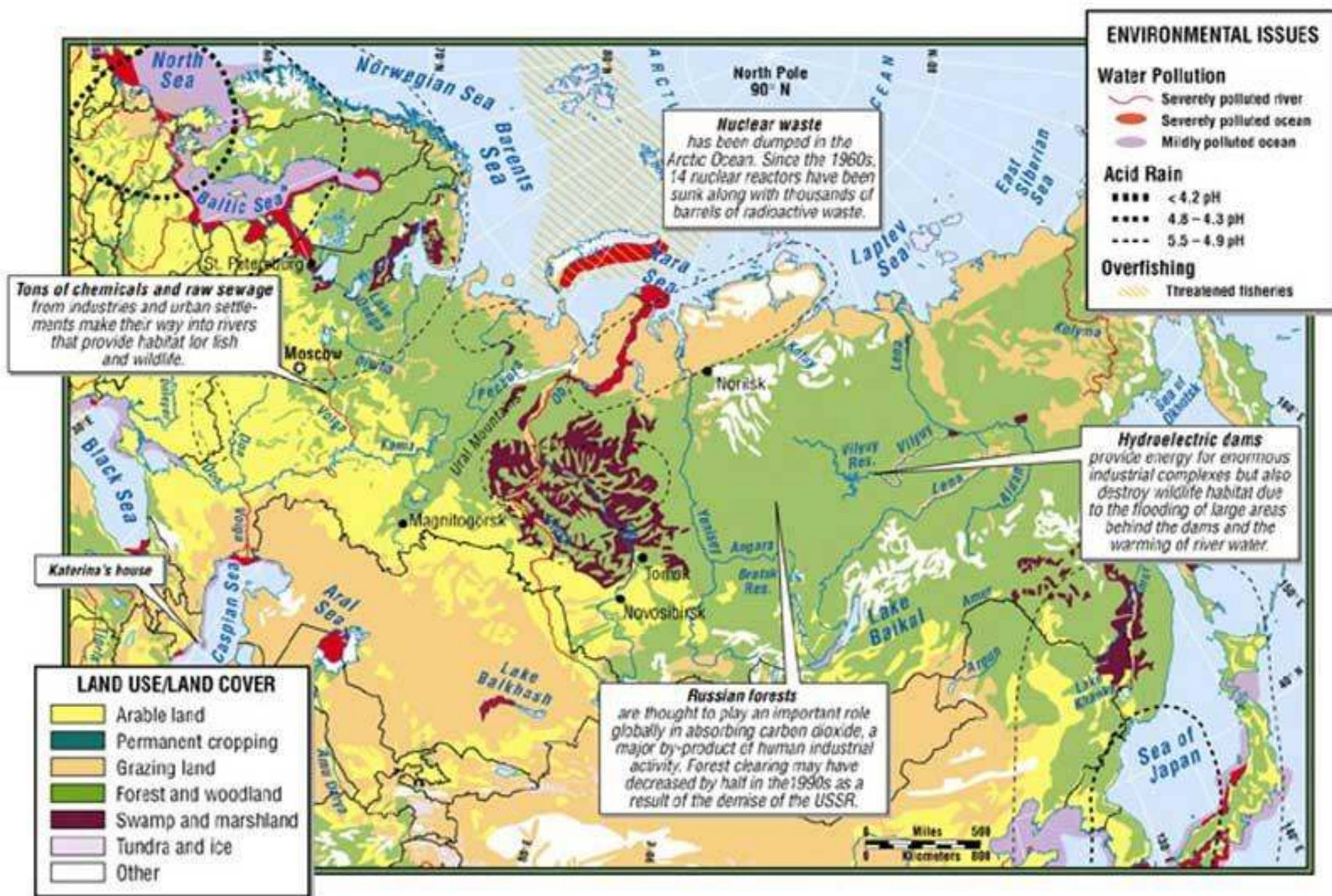
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Urban and Industrial Pollution



We cannot expect charity from nature. We must tear it from her.
- Joseph Stalin



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Pollution



find the pollution sources.

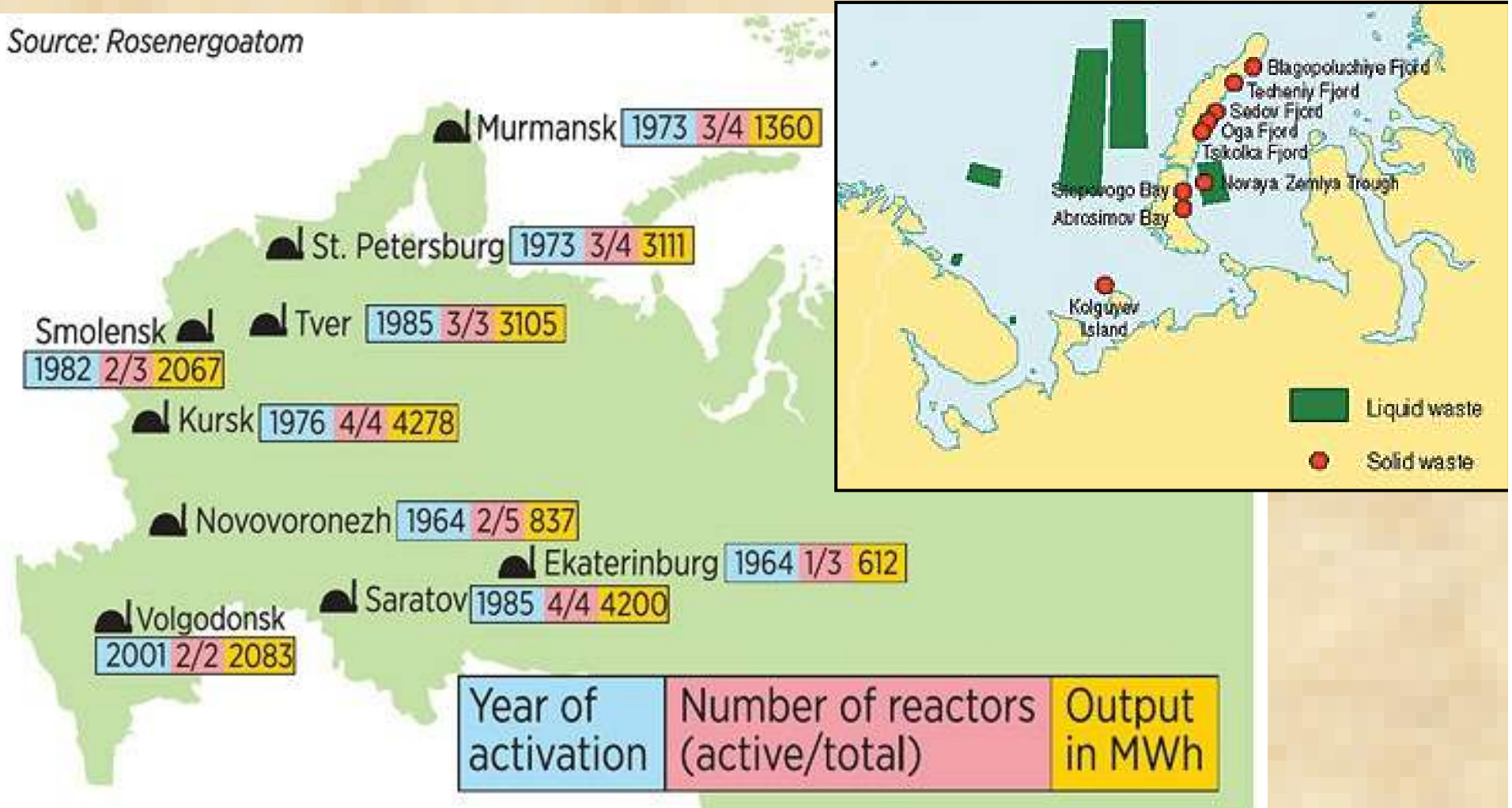
Non-Point Source Pollution

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Nuclear Pollution

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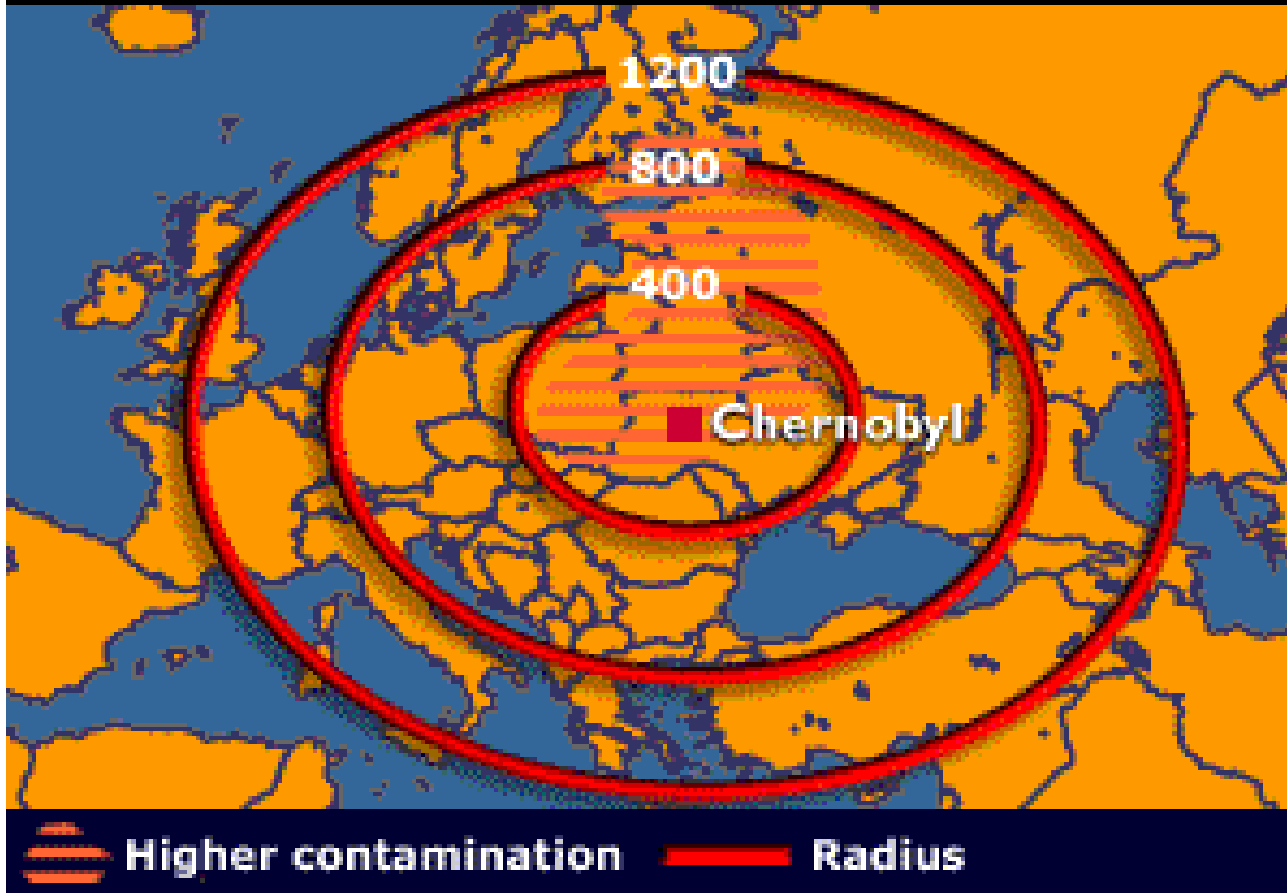


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Nuclear Power Disaster

Chernobyl global radiation patterns



April 26, 1986



600,000 liquidators

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North America

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