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## Gephart Tapped to Participate in Russian Contamination Workshop

At the invitation of the National Academies, Roy Gephart, Scientific Facility Lead of the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory's Chemistry and Physics of Complex Systems Facility, will participate in a workshop on radiation contamination and remediation issues in the former Soviet Union.

Gephart is part of an eight-member U.S. team who will travel to Russia in early June to participate in the workshop. Hosted by the National Academies and the Russian Academy of Sciences, the participants will assess cleanup problems and provide recommendations for six Russian sites: Kurchatov Institute, Lakes 10 and 11 at Mayak, Andreev Bay, Krasnokamensk Mining Enterprise (Siberia), Almaz Mining Enterprise (North Caucasus), and a site for testing peaceful nuclear explosions (Perm or Ivanovo region). Gephart will lead one of the workshop's review sessions.



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Following the workshop, the Russian Academy of Sciences will present recommendations to the Ecology Committee of the Russian National Security Council.

The George Russell Family Fund is providing financial support for this U.S.-Russian collaboration. This fund supports nonprofit organizations working globally to address critical issues that threaten peace, security, and the quality of life in the world. George Russell takes a particular interest in the affairs of Eastern Europe, Russia, and Asia Pacific.

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