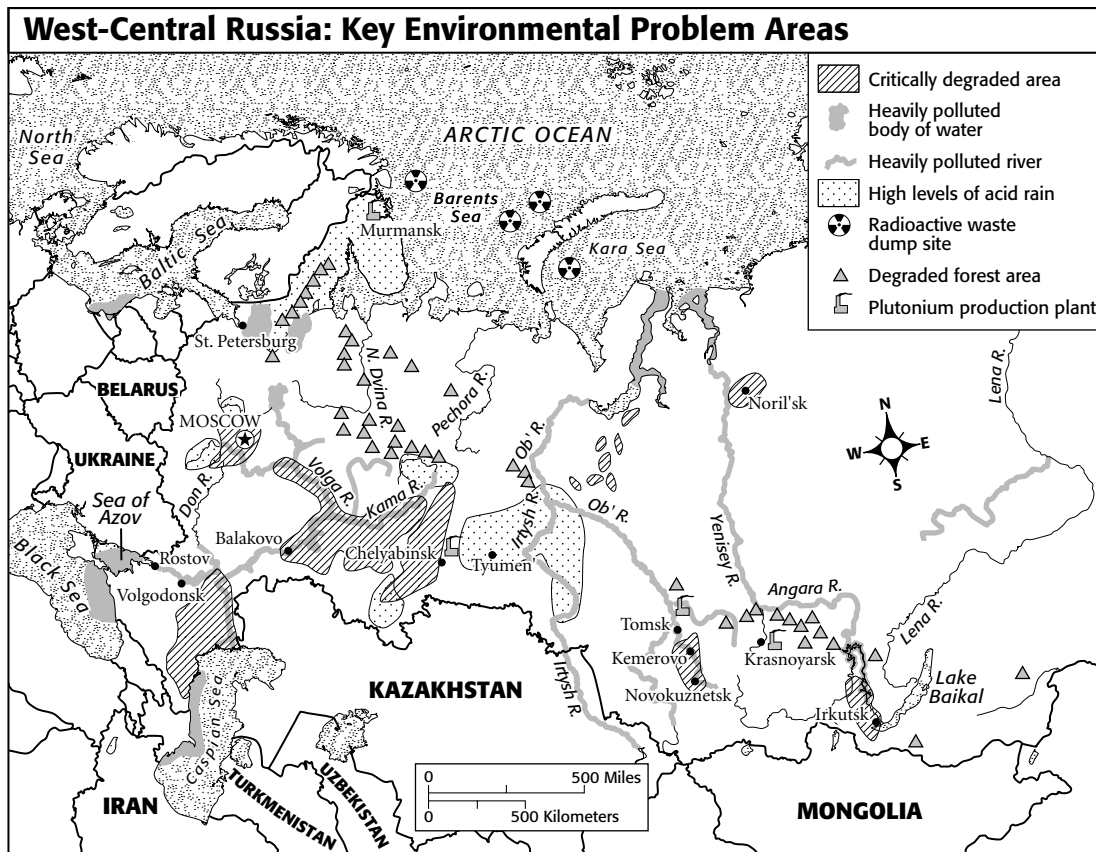


**CHAPTER 17****Map Activity****Russia's Environmental Problems**

As a result of rapid industrialization under Soviet rule, Russia now faces serious environmental problems. The map below shows problem areas affected by various forms of pollution. Examine the map, then answer the questions on the following page.



*Chapter 17, Map Activity, continued*

1. What kinds of environmental problems are represented by the following map symbols: the lightly shaded areas; the darkly shaded areas; the slash-marked areas; the triangles?

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2. What environmental problems exist around Moscow?

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3. What kinds of problems exist along the border with Finland?

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4. Where are radioactive dump sites shown? What about plutonium production plants?

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5. How is the environmental health of the Black and Caspian seas? What about Lake Baikal?

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6. **Critical Thinking: Interaction** What obstacles or challenges do you think the Russian environmental movement faces in trying to save the Russian environment?

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**ACTIVITY** Russia's environmental problems may be extreme, but they reflect a larger question that all countries face: How much industrialization or economic development is good for a country, given possible damage to the environment? Can countries develop their economies and preserve the environment at the same time? Discuss these questions with a group of classmates and come up with ideas or guidelines for a program of economic development and environmental preservation.