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The 33<sup>rd</sup> symposium on the "Scientific Basis for Nuclear Waste Management" was held May 24–29, 2009, in St. Petersburg, Russia. The symposium attracted 140 abstracts (including 41 oral and 84 poster presentations) from authors representing 24 countries, with 84 papers published in this volume. The symposium covered the usual range of topics, from studies of spent fuel, glass and ceramic waste forms, to radionuclide behavior studies. A new topic for this symposium was the session on advanced materials.

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