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Russia's mysterious Burevestnik cruise missile, known to NATO as SSC-X-9 Skyfall, recently returned to the spotlight after new research suggested the weapon may leave a trail of radioactive material in its wake as it flies.

About Burevestnik Missile

- The Burevestnik, whose name translates as “**storm petrel**”, is a **ground-launched, low-flying nuclear-powered, nuclear-armed cruise missile**.
- It was developed by **Russia**.
- It is the **world's first nuclear-powered cruise missile**.
- It is one of six strategic weapons that the Russian President introduced in a 2018 speech.
- **NATO** refers to it as the **SSC-X-9 Skyfall**.

Burevestnik Missile Features

- It is **powered** by a small **nuclear reactor**, which **heats up air to propel the missile forward**.

- Its nuclear propulsion gives the missile much **longer range** than traditional turbojet or turbofan engines that are limited by how much fuel they can carry.
- That propulsion gives it virtually **unlimited range, allowing it to loiter for days**, circling the enemy's air defenses and attacking from an unexpected direction.
- The missile is also **designed to fly at low altitudes**, much lower than a conventionally powered cruise missile, which would make it **harder for air-defence radar to detect**.

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