

Chelyabinsk Meteorite Monument Botched — Again, Scientists Say

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A monument erected in Chelyabinsk to the meteorite that exploded over the region last year has suffered a series of blunders after its unveiling, the latest of which saw engravers replace one set of erroneous coordinates with another one.

The monument, situated on the shores of the Chebarkul lake where the meteorite landed, was unveiled on Feb. 15 to mark the one-year anniversary of the meteorite's spectacular explosion.

But various media noted that the coordinates that had been engraved on the marble monument were not the coordinates of the meteorite's actual landing place. Local authorities promised to fix the mistake, but now scientists say they have botched them again.

Gennady Ionov, an employee at the All-Russian Scientific Research Institute, told Newsru.com that participants of a scientific conference had first noticed the most recent mistake and informed authorities.

The city administration has denied the mistake, however. Press secretary Lyubov Rudometova

was cited by Newsru.com as saying, " The coordinates listed on the monument are those of the Chebarkul lake, that is, the open body of water [where the meteorite fell]. They've checked the coordinates and are certain that they are the correct coordinates."

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