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Environment

### The chief scientific adviser has become a government spin doctor

 The Guardian, Tuesday October 25 2005  
 George Monbiot

I report this with sadness: Sir David King has lost his bottle. Until a few weeks ago, the chief scientific adviser looked to me like one of the few brave souls in the British government. In an article in *Science* at the beginning of last year, he argued that "climate change is the most severe problem that we are facing today - more serious even than the threat of terrorism" (...)

(...)statement yet that he sees nuclear power as the answer to (...)

Travel

### Strange and unsettling: my day trip to Chernobyl

 The Observer, Sunday October 23 2005  
 Sarah Johnstone

I wonder if Nikolay has seen *Mad Max* too many times, as he floors the accelerator and our Lada rattles along the crumbling asphalt road. Rusty fencing and unkempt grass whizzes by as we barrel towards swaying birch trees. Yuriy and I yell above *Shake Your Booty* on the radio. Across this broad expanse of plain, not another soul is to be seen. For a second, it feels like taking

(...)world's deadliest nuclear reactor looms up...and decommissioning the plant were allowed within...s worst nuclear accident, but (...)

Life and style

### Blast from the past

 The Guardian, Saturday October 8 2005  
 John Harris

Back in the 70s and 80s, there was one iconic item that marked you out as an accredited member of the left-leaning middle class: a yellow circular sticker featuring a faux-naif sun with a smiling face, and the words "Nuclear power? No thanks". Our household was a little different - the sticker in the back window of our car set us apart. It featured a cartoon of a hippy-ish (...)

(...)smiling face, and the words "Nuclear power? No thanks". Our household (...)

Politics

### Back to the future

The Guardian, Tuesday October 4 2005

I am not trying to cast a shadow over what I hope will be a long and happy life for Mark Lesinski, one of the engineers entrusted with turning the site of the defunct Hinkley A nuclear power station, in Somerset, into a place where sheep may safely graze. But I do wonder how it feels to be working on a project that won't be finished until (barring some extraordinary medical (...))

(...)of the defunct Hinkley A nuclear power station, in Somerset, into (...)

Environment

## US investors circle ailing Sellafield

The Guardian, Friday September 30 2005  
Terry Macalister and Tania Branigan

Harold Wilson's old Labour government saw the new state-owned nuclear power industry as a major British success story that would meet all of our future energy needs. But while New Labour might still push the button on a new generation of atomic power stations to take up the slack from a dwindling domestic oil and gas industry, it seems relaxed about whether ultimate control (...)

(...)new state-owned nuclear power industry as a...operation of nuclear plants moving into (...)

World news

## Chernobyl aftermath

The Guardian, Thursday September 8 2005

Since one of the primary functions of the International Atomic Energy Authority is to promote the use of nuclear power, it is not surprising that the conference it is leading this week should come out with statements which downplay the consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Your article (Chernobyl death toll under 50, September 6) quotes the report launched at the (...)

(...)use of nuclear power, it is...at the plant. In contrast...worst nuclear accident. Our (...)

World news

## Nuclear waste row leaves bad smell in Lithuania

The Guardian, Thursday August 25 2005  
Tom Parfitt in Moscow

A bizarre diplomatic skirmish has broken out after Belarus retaliated against Lithuania's decision to build a radioactive waste dump close to their shared border by announcing plans to put two giant pig farms in sniffing distance of its neighbour. The spat on the fringe of the European Union started when officials in Vilnius confirmed it would build the storage facility about (...)

(...)s Ignalina nuclear power station, which...disaster. The accident at the nuclear plant took (...)

UK news

## Overtime 'increases risk of illness'

The Guardian, Thursday August 18 2005  
James Meikle, health correspondent

Long working hours increase your chances of illness and injury, irrespective of what job you do, an American study said last night. Routinely working at least 12 hours a day posed a 37% extra risk over those working fewer hours, while a 60-hour week was associated with a 23% increased risk, according to its authors. They studied the responses of nearly 11,000 Americans to (...)

(...)on the accident or illness...firefighters and nuclear power plant (...)

World news

## Enemies and brothers

The Guardian, Saturday July 30 2005  
James Meek

Perhaps it was my imagination, but I'm sure those two girls in the Peugeot were cruising us on Valiasr Avenue that warm Sunday night. What is it, to cruise? The car slowed down, came closer to the kerb; the girls leaned their heads forward, grinning, nodding slightly, made eye contact; shouted something, laughed, drove off. It was as innocent as that and they were, of course, (...)

(...)extreme between Iran and the US, which is afraid that Iran's nuclear ambitions will end with Tehran having atomic weapons. The US lacks (...)

Environment

## Felling of a Warrior

The Guardian, Friday July 15 2005  
Paul Brown

Driving past Hampstead Heath pond to chase an interview the car radio was tuned in to the 2pm news. All was as it should be for any news reporter just back from a foreign assignment and keeping up with events. The first item, tagged "news just in", made me listen a bit more closely. The shock of the words that followed made me swerve, then swing the car round in a U-turn, and (...)

(...)Auckland for supplies and then head a peace flotilla into the French nuclear test zone at Mururoa in the South Pacific. The Greenpeace crew, (...)

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