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World news

Accidents may be Iran's greatest nuclear threat

 guardian.co.uk, Monday November 10 2003
 Dan De Luce

Western governments worry about Iran building an atomic bomb, but safety experts say the greatest risk arising from Tehran's nuclear programme is of an accident. "Secrecy is the biggest enemy of nuclear safety," said Professor Najmedin Meshkati of the University of Southern California in the US, who studies the causes of accidents at nuclear power plants. With the US and (...)

(...)Southern California in the US, who studies the causes of accidents at nuclear power plants. With the US and European governments focused on trying (...)

Science

Protesters fear nuclear arms in space

 The Observer, Sunday October 5 2003
 Robin McKie, science editor

Scientists are preparing plans to build nuclear rockets to explore the solar system. Space engineers say the plan is essential if mankind is to send large, complex spaceships to neighbouring planets and to search for life. But campaigners say the project is a backdoor bid to put nuclear weapons in orbit and yesterday began a week-long protest - including demonstrations at Cap

(...)plans to build nuclear rockets to explore...was a launch accident,' said campaigner Bruce...Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space. (...)

Education

Our deadly legacy

 The Guardian, Thursday September 18 2003
 David Adam

Coming soon to a village hall near you: nuclear waste. If you drop in to your local community centre or church hall next year, then between the salsa dancing and the dog training classes you could find what must be the ultimate in heated debates - how to dispose of deadly radioactive material so hot that it can melt through solid rock. Should we blast it into space? Or bury (...)

(...)hall near you: nuclear waste. If you...the 1940s. Nuclear power, fuel reprocessing and...risk of an accident, terrorist attack (...)

Environment

Decaying and dangerous, the legacy of a flawed nuclear vision

 The Guardian, Tuesday August 26 2003
 Paul Brown

The plutonium contamination is intense inside the old plant, where men are working in suits which look as if they were designed for a space walk. No one knows quite how bad conditions are because the alpha radiation monitoring machine has gone off the dial at 99,000 counts a second - too high to measure. Outside the building in the Cumbrian summer sunshine of Sellafield "norm

(...)inside the old plant, where men are...who joined British Nuclear Fuels as a...cause a criticality accident, but we (...)

Society

Eco soundings

The Guardian, Wednesday May 28 2003
Paul Brown

Class warfare The government's opposition to labelling GM products has received a setback from the European parliament's environment committee. Welsh MEP Jill Evans (Plaid Cymru) has proposed that products that contain GM products will have to be labelled as such. The British government wanted these products to be unlabelled but to give those that are GM free the right to sa

(...)the Chernobyl accident in the...to support nuclear plants. Flower power Talking (...)

Media

War Watch

MediaGuardian, Friday April 11 2003
Annie Lawson, Lisa O'Carroll, Chris Tryhorn, Jason Deans

"Fog" is the watchword of this war, with the lines between fact and propaganda being blurred on a daily basis. The demands of round-the-clock news means military claims are being relayed instantly to millions without being confirmed or verified only to be refuted later by reporters on the ground or by fresh military updates. In due course, questions will be asked about the cla

(...)directly at this hotel and directly at journalists. This wasn't an accident. It seems to be a very accurate shot." Claim confirmed Tuesday (...)

Education

Is this the end of the dream?

The Guardian, Thursday April 3 2003

Nuclear engineers switched off the last reactor at Calder Hall on Monday and brought an era to a close, if not an end. Calder Hall was the world's first large-scale, commercial power-producing nuclear reactor. Built on the Sellafield site in Cumbria, Calder Hall arrived a year ahead of American efforts, and even the Russians admitted that it outgunned any of their reactors. (...)

Nuclear engineers switched off...large-scale, commercial power-producing nuclear reactor...A nuclear power plant is a (...)

Environment

Plutonium proves an explosive problem

The Observer, Sunday March 30 2003
Oliver Morgan

Nuclear power stations, it was once famously observed, produce three things ordinary people don't want: expensive electricity, radioactive waste, and weapons-grade plutonium. The effects of the first have been felt by the shareholders of British Energy. With terrorists reportedly perpetually in search of 'plute', dealing with the last is becoming a considerably more pressing (...)

Nuclear power stations, it...risk of accidents at the...Sellafield MOX Plant Option (...)

World news

As eyes of the world focus on Iraq, the rest of the world's hotspots get hotter

The Guardian, Thursday March 27 2003
Ewen MacAskill, Chris McGreal in Jerusalem and Nick Paton-Walsh in Moscow

Indian-Pakistani relations deteriorated to a dangerous level yesterday after New Delhi blamed Islamabad for a massacre in Kashmir earlier this week. Early yesterday India test-fired a nuclear-capable missile and, a few hours later, Pakistan followed suit. The confrontation between the neighbours, both nuclear powers, is the most serious of a number of troublespots bubbling up (...)

(...)test-fired a nuclear-capable missile and...neighbours, both nuclear powers, is the most...a nuclear reprocessing plant at the (...)

World news

Firm fined £5,000 for Japan's worst nuclear accident

The Guardian, Tuesday March 4 2003
Jonathan Watts in Tokyo

Six former executives of a Japanese nuclear fuel processing company were given suspended prison sentences yesterday for their part in the country's worst nuclear accident, in which two employees were killed and 439 people were exposed to radiation. The company, JCO, which has already been stripped of its licence to operate the plant, was fined ¥1m (£5,375). It has (...)

(...)a Japanese nuclear fuel processing...worst nuclear accident, in which...operate the plant, was fined...in nuclear power." He (...)

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