World news

Security fears over American reactors

The Guardian, Wednesday September 26 2001
Julian Borger in Washington

The 103 nuclear power stations across America are vulnerable to a suicide attack, possibly triggering the release of a radioactive cloud, US watchdog groups warned yesterday. The Nuclear Control Institute (NCI) in Washington and the Los Angeles-based group Committee to Bridge the Gap issued a joint appeal for National Guard troops and anti-aircraft defences to be stationed at (…)

The 103 nuclear power stations across...attack nuclear plants for maximum...of coolant accident and (…)

World news

First it was Pokémon, now the Japanese have invented nukeman

The Guardian, Thursday August 23 2001
James Meek, science correspondent

They gave the world the tiniest cassette player, hand-held television set and pocket-sized video cameras. But that was nothing. Japanese scientists' latest triumph of mass-market miniaturisation would trounce them all, if they could get anyone to buy it: a nuclear power station small enough to fit in your basement. Spurning the opportunity to extend a historic line by naming (…)

(…): a nuclear power station small...nuclear power plants because of...string of accidents have (…)

World news

Moscow receives Urals nuclear alert

The Guardian, Saturday August 18 2001
Ian Traynor in Moscow

Russian officials in the Ural mountains have warned the government in Moscow that the Arctic and the rivers of parts of Siberia risk turning into nuclear disaster zones from radioactive waste stored in reservoirs that are close to overflowing. A letter to the Russian prime minister, Mikhail Kasyanov, from the governor of the Chelyabinsk region, which includes the huge Mayak (…)

(…):turning into nuclear disaster zones...waste-reprocessing plant, appealed for...disastrous nuclear accident in the...new nuclear power plant (…)

Politics

Environment: Government agencies

guardian.co.uk, Thursday July 19 2001

This section describes the kinds of environmental problems that are the responsibility one of the government agencies. Most other environmental problems come under the remit of your local authority; see Local government responsibilities. How can you complain? England and Wales Contact your local office of the environment agency - details will be in the phone book. Head office (…)

UK news
BNFL investigates fuel rods accident

The Guardian, Monday July 9 2001
Kirsty Scott

An investigation has begun into an incident at a nuclear power station in which 24 radioactive fuel rods were dropped. The accident happened at the Chapelcross Magnox station near Arnan in Dumfries and Galloway on Thursday, but details emerged only yesterday. A remote control device dropped the rods two feet on to the floor during a routine refuelling operation. Yesterday (...) at a nuclear power station in...dropped. The accident happened at...rods. The plant operator, (...)

Life and style

A lease on life

The Guardian, Saturday June 30 2001
James Meek

There must have been old people in Australia in the 1960s, but Simon Melov doesn't remember seeing any until his English grandparents came to visit, when he was five or six years old. One day, his grandmother was washing her hands in the sink. He watched. He remembers studying her hand, and all of a sudden looking up at her lined face and realising how different she appeared (...)

Business

BNFL welcome in Washington

The Guardian, Thursday June 28 2001
Jane Martinson in New York

When the Georgetown area of Washington DC suffered a power cut during particularly hot weather two weeks ago, it made one man very happy. The inability to use air conditioners could not have come at a better time for Hugh Collum, the chairman of British Nuclear Fuels, in town to press the US government to consider BNFL as the answer to its energy needs. In the face of a di (...)

UK news

Sellafied plant dealt blow by Japanese village

The Guardian, Monday May 28 2001
Jonathan Watts in Kariwa, Japan

The future of British Nuclear Fuels' controversial plant at Sellafied for recycling nuclear fuel was cast into doubt yesterday by residents of a Japanese village next to the world's largest nuclear power plant. Residents of Kariwa, 180 miles north of Tokyo, rejected plans to use Mox, or mixed oxide, fuel at the nearby Kashiwazaki-Kariwa power plant. The result is a heavy (...)

 (...of British Nuclear Fuels' controversial plant at Sellafied...largest nuclear power plant. Residents...delayed by accidents and (...)

Business

Can the last one to leave California

The Observer, Sunday May 20 2001
Gregory Palast

Ah, the smell of Texas in the morning! According to LaNell Anderson, real estate agent, what I'm smelling is a combination of hydrogen sulphide and some other, unidentified, toxic gunk. We've pulled up across from a pond on Houston's ship channel, home of the biggest refinery and chemical complex in America, owned by Exxon-Mobil. The pond is filled with benzene residues, a c (...)

World news

Cheney tells US to carry on guzzling

Guardian Weekly, Thursday May 10 2001
By Martin Kettle

Defying environmental opinion at home and abroad, the Bush administration will tell Americans later this month that conservation is for wimps and that they can go on guzzling the world's energy resources as if there were no tomorrow. These are the only conclusions that can seriously be drawn from Dick Cheney's speech in Toronto on April 30 in which he said that the solution (...)

(...the building of the first new nuclear power plants in the US since the Three Mile Island accident in 1979. It is important (...)

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