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Business

Eon seeks to bypass debate on nuclear power

The Guardian, Wednesday March 28 2007

Terry Macalister

The nuclear lobby yesterday stepped up its rhetoric in favour of new plants by urging the government to proceed with pre-licensing of power station designs despite Greenpeace's court victory forcing more consultation on the government's energy white paper. The latest offensive - launched by the UK's second largest electricity provider, Eon - came as uranium prices came close t

The nuclear lobby yesterday...of new plants by urging...licensing of power station designs...favour after accidents at (...)

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The Mecca factor

guardian.co.uk, Tuesday March 27 2007

Tomorrow Saudi Arabia will host a summit of all Arab leaders to re-launch the Saudi peace initiative of 2002. This comes on the heels of the Mecca agreement between Hamas and Fatah concluded by King Abdullah. In the last few months, King Abdullah also hosted the Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmedinejad, and also many of the Iraqi leadership, including the Kurdish leader, Masoud (...)

(...)is almost unprecedented in the history of the kingdom, a status quo power which has traditionally adopted a low profile. Three major factors explain (...)

Society

Eco Soundings

The Guardian, Wednesday February 28 2007

John Vidal and David Adam

Drip feed British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) has already been fined £500,000 for the serious leak of radioactive liquid inside the Thorp reprocessing plant at Sellafeld, Cumbria, but late on Friday the government slipped out the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate report into how the accident happened. It is shocking. The first indication of a leak was on August 24 2004, when

(...)feed British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL...Thorp reprocessing plant at Sellafeld...how the accident happened. It...assemblages, the power laden (...)

Media

From the Guardian ...

MediaGuardian, Wednesday February 28 2007

Guardian stories which have been written using the freedom of information since it came into force in January 2005 · For the first time, the NHS published the death rates of individual cardiac surgeons. This allows patients to make a more informed choice on which surgeons should operate on them. · How multinational drug companies lobbied ministers in an attempt to s

(...)Millennium Dome. · Nuclear inspectors raised serious...s ageing atomic power stations, some of...a huge gas plant in Russia. (...)

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A change in climate

guardian.co.uk, Thursday January 18 2007
Jeremy Leggett

July 2006 Carbon price is by now routinely being factored into investment bank appraisals. Kuwaiti opposition to ruling family in parliament, worried about reserves, opposes plans to increase production. UK nuclear inspectors reveal unexplained cracks in reactor cores, and increased risk of accidents. US government climate agencies report warns that ocean acidification is kill

(...)production. UK nuclear inspectors reveal...risk of accidents. US government...low. Record power cut in...European nuclear plants. Exxon (...)

UK news

News in brief

The Observer, Sunday December 31 2006

Polish worker killed in Kent cement factory accident A Polish man was crushed to death yesterday after a piece of concrete fell on him at a cement works in Northfleet, Kent. Three other men at the Blue Circle factory were taken to hospital. The dead man was carrying out routine maintenance work inside a kiln.Nuclear stations close down Dungeness A in Kent and Sizewell A in Su

(...)cement factory accident A Polish...a kiln.Nuclear stations close...commercial nuclear power stations in...the reprocessing plant at (...)

Film

Projected forecast

The Guardian, Saturday December 30 2006
Steve Rose

THREEQUELITIS With trilogies now the industry model for maximum cash-hooverage, Hollywood is banking on third-time luck in 2007 Shrek 3 The lowdown: If the past decade has been a golden age for animation, 2006 was the year the goose stopped laying. But compared to the pixellated talking-animals we've seen recently, Shrek's cast look like seasoned performers. Judging by the

(...)Bourne will face a rogue Russian agent, and no doubt improvise a nuclear weapon out of a rake and a piece of toast. THE (...)

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Waste not, want not

guardian.co.uk, Tuesday December 19 2006

The recent extraordinary case of Alexander Litvinenko, and the trail of radioactive polonium-210 linked to his demise, has done much to raise public concerns about the dangers of radiation poisoning. Not surprisingly, given the consequences of exposure. What is more worrying, though, is how little we are aware of the continual dangers that we face from radioactive waste (...)

(...)Sellafield reprocessing plant in Cumbria...rods from nuclear power stations in...a serious accident, the (...)

Travel

Bulgaria: essential information

guardian.co.uk, Tuesday October 24 2006

Bulgaria's countryside of stunning mountains, plains and Black Sea coastline is no longer the preserve of communist dignitaries; it is now more open to western tourists. Rich in history, it contains numerous ruins left over from earlier reigns, including those by the Romans, Byzantines and Turks. The population of 7.7 million people, over 1.2 million of whom live in the capit

(...)hopefully now more stable, although environmental problems remain: accidents have occurred at a nuclear power plant north of Sofia, and pollution around Burgas (...)

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Accept North Korea into the nuclear club or bomb it now

The Guardian, Wednesday October 11 2006
Simon Jenkins

So what now? North Korea is the fourth, possibly fifth, state to have rejected the 1970 non-proliferation treaty and proceeded towards a nuclear arsenal. The others are India, Pakistan, Israel and perhaps Iran. That makes five states in the old nuclear club (America, Russia, Britain, France and China) and five in the new one. The appropriate relationship, diplomatic, military (...)

(...)treaty and proceeded towards a nuclear arsenal. The others are India...other nuclear and quasi-nuclear powers, Israel, India and Pakistan (...)

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