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EDF nuclear reactor carries 'Chernobyl-size' explosion risk

The Guardian, Sunday March 7 2010

Kim Willsher in Paris

French anti-nuclear campaigners claim a new power plant being built in Normandy carries an accident risk of "Chernobyl proportions". Sortir du Nucléaire, a protest network, says leaked confidential documents show that tests on the third-generation pressurised water reactor present a potentially catastrophic scenario. The network has eight internal papers showing the results o

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Obama's nuclear vision suffers setback as Vermont plant faces shutdown

guardian.co.uk, Tuesday February 23 2010

Suzanne Goldenberg, US environment correspondent

Barack Obama's new dream of a nuclear renaissance faces a major reality check tomorrow when the state of Vermont is expected to shut down an ageing nuclear reactor with a history of leaks. It would be the first time a state has moved to shut down such a reactor, and follows Obama's announcement last week of \$8.3bn (£5.4bn) in loan guarantees for the construction of two new

(...)of a nuclear renaissance faces...condemning the plant to close...new nuclear power plants. The...series of accidents and (...)

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Chernobyl nuclear accident: figures for deaths and cancers still in dispute

The Guardian, Sunday January 10 2010

John Vidal, environment editor

At the children's cancer hospital in Minsk, Belarus, and at the Vilne hospital for radiological protection in the east of Ukraine, specialist doctors are in no doubt they are seeing highly unusual rates of cancers, mutations and blood diseases linked to the Chernobyl nuclear accident 24 years ago. But proving that infant mortality hundreds of miles from the stricken nuclear pl

(...)the Chernobyl nuclear accident 24 years...stricken nuclear plant has increased...civil nuclear power over (...)

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Can the aviation industry ever be green?

guardian.co.uk, Friday January 8 2010

From [Green Futures](#), part of the [Guardian Environment Network](#)

Britain can meet its stretching emissions reduction targets and still keep flying. That, at least, is the view of Ed Miliband, the UK's Energy and climate change secretary, echoed in a report by the Committee on Climate Change. How? By holding aviation emissions no higher than their current level – and cutting the carbon from everything else we do by 90%. It sounds ambitious.

UK news

Sheep farmers still stuck under a Chernobyl cloud

The Guardian, Tuesday December 29 2009

Leo Hickman

Lakeland sheep farmers, like the rare-breed Herdwicks many still rear today, are of hardy stock and refuse to be moved by a forecast of rain. It was no different during the first few days of May 1986, when an unseasonably intense downpour lashed down on the Cumbrian fells, topping its tarns and lakes, and driving walkers and day-trippers towards the sanctuary of the tea (...)

(...)the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in what...of the accident. On (...)

Business

Nuclear reactors contain safety flaws, watchdog reveals

guardian.co.uk, Friday November 27 2009

Ian Sample

In the race to provide energy for the nation's future, two multinational companies have led the way with designs for reactors that promised clean, green electricity with unprecedented safety. But detailed reviews by the Health and Safety Executive highlight a series of shortcomings in security and safety systems in both reactors that must be fixed or redesigned before the pow

(...)before the power plants can be...of an accident, the protection...HSE's nuclear directorate (...)

Business

IEA calls for global push to end energy poverty

The Guardian, Tuesday November 10 2009

Tim Webb

Rich countries are being urged to sign up to a Make Poverty History-style pledge at the climate change summit at Copenhagen next month to bring electricity to the 1.5 billion people in the world without it. The International Energy Agency (IEA) is working with the United Nations and the World Bank on a project to electrify millions of homes and villages in Africa and south A

(...)to build power plants or connect...terrorists or accidents. This is...renewables and nuclear instead. (...)

Books

'Whether we are arguing about MPs' expenses or assisted suicide, we need to engage with the moral ideals underlying our political debates'

The Guardian, Saturday October 31 2009

Oliver Burkeman

Michael Sandel was only 21 when fate brought him into dramatically close contact with the big questions of morality that would come to dominate his life. In 1974, while at university, he landed a summer internship at the Houston Chronicle's understaffed Washington bureau, and ended up covering Watergate — sitting in on the Supreme Court deliberations on the Nixon tapes, and (...)

(...)is an accident of birth...heartless, cackling nuclear power plant owner (...)

Environment

Nuclear industry: Crumbling stores, leaky plants and the dangers of old age

The Guardian, Tuesday October 20 2009

Terry Macalister

Dealing with the problems of old age lies at the heart of the nuclear industry's challenge to convince the public of its safety: leaky power plants, crumbling waste stores nearing the end of their lives and overworked inspectors who do not have the time to assess properly the next generation of power stations. Even with billions of pounds a year being poured into clean-up oper

(...)of the nuclear industry's...safety: leaky power plants, crumbling waste...a serious accident at (...)

Environment

Families face nuclear tax on power bills

The Guardian, Monday October 19 2009

Tim Webb

Government officials have drawn up secret plans to tax electricity consumers to subsidise the construction of the UK's first new nuclear reactors for more than 20 years, the Guardian has learned. The planned levy on household bills would add £44 to an annual electricity bill of £500 and contradicts repeated promises by ministers that the nuclear industry would no longer benef

(...)s first new nuclear reactors for more...pressure on the power industry to show...for new coal plants attract hostile (...)

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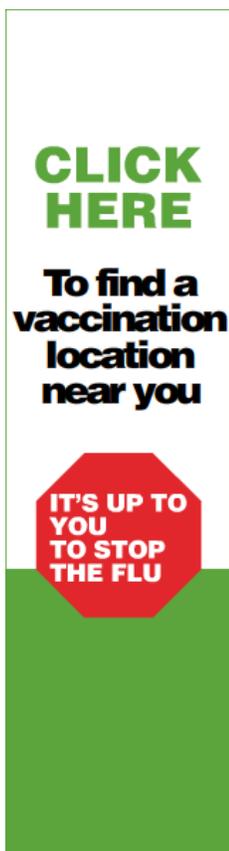
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