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Dounreay's catalogue of idiocy is a cautionary tale of nuclear danger

The Guardian, Tuesday September 12 2006
George Monbiot

It is as far out of sight, and as far out of mind, as any place on the British mainland could be. From the point of view of our political leaders, this is just as well. If the perennial farce at the Dounreay nuclear site, on the north coast of Scotland, were any closer to the surface of public consciousness, we would be hounding and haranguing them wherever they go. A report (...)

(...)at the Dounreay nuclear site, on the...unusual about the plant's later cock...rumours of the accident reached the (...)

UK news

Greenham Common - A chronology

guardian.co.uk, Tuesday September 5 2006

1941 Greenham Common requisitioned under wartime emergency powers1947 Airfield de-requisitioned but not restored1951 Commons re-requisitioned for USAF in spite of local protests1960 Air Ministry purchases 600 acres of Greenham Common1966 Greenham becomes NATO standby base1973 Commons and commoners' rights registered1978 Plans to base US KC-135 tankers at Greenham abandoned (...)

(...)agrees 'twin-track' to base nuclear Cruise missiles in Europe1980 Greenham...the base. Some enter to plant snowdrops.1983 January 1 (...)

Society

Eco Soundings

The Guardian, Wednesday August 16 2006
John Vidal

Short-term memory Clare Short, the former international development secretary who resigned in 2003, has just returned from a fact-find trip to the Philippines with some environment and development groups, and seen first-hand the devastation caused by global mining companies. She is angry. "I have never seen anything so systematically destructive as the mining programme in the

(...)to secure British power station contracts, at...of Sweden's nuclear reactors are shut...at the Forsmark plant, 125 miles (...)

Science

Nuclear panel suggests contest for waste burial

The Guardian, Tuesday August 1 2006
Ian Sample, science correspondent

The burial site for Britain's stockpile of nuclear waste should be decided by a country-wide contest in which regions bid to become home to the hole, a government advisory panel said yesterday. In return for housing the underground repository, which would remain radioactive for centuries, the winning region would receive compensation in the form of improved roads, schools and

(...)s stockpile of nuclear waste should be...who fear an accident or terror attack...10 new nuclear power stations would (...)

Environment

Fire, drought and a dangerous rise in pollution: welcome to tinderbox UK

The Guardian, Wednesday July 26 2006
John Vidal, environment editor

A fire in north Wales was blazing out of control for a sixth consecutive day. Another has virtually destroyed an important Surrey nature reserve. In Liverpool alone there are reported to have been 600 separate blazes this month and fire brigades across the UK said yesterday that they have handled thousands more. The prolonged heatwave that has stifled parts of the UK has also

(...)higher pollution levels were an increasing danger. "We know that in Germany accident and emergency admissions are up 25% and I think we will (...)

Business

Cumbria keen for Sellafield to house new atomic plants

The Guardian, Monday July 17 2006
Terry Macalister

A petition of 10,000 signatures from the Cumbrian area has been presented to Tony Blair calling on the government to base a new generation of atomic plants on the controversial Sellafield site. The demand comes in the wake of the government's energy review, which laid the groundwork for more nuclear stations to replace existing plants that are being phased out due to old age.

(...)of atomic plants on the...for more nuclear stations to...of atomic power with the...for an accident at (...)

Politics

Yesterday in parliament

guardian.co.uk, Wednesday July 12 2006
Press Association

Energy review New nuclear power stations could make a "significant contribution" to meeting Britain's future energy needs, the trade and industry secretary, Alistair Darling, confirmed. He told the Commons a mix of energy supply, including renewables together with gas and coal-fired generation, remained essential. Announcing the outcome of the government's long-awaited energy

Energy review New nuclear power stations could make a (...)

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This is a question of science but the answer is left to juju

The Guardian, Wednesday July 12 2006
Simon Jenkins

I was brought up to believe in a nuclear future. Here was a clean, ubiquitous source of energy that might, whether by fission or fusion, underpin human occupation of the planet. Guided round purring power plants by smiling, white-coated men, I saw chemistry and physics walking hand in hand towards a peaceful, prosperous horizon. Since then we have all learned much. We have (...)

(...)in a nuclear future. Here...round purring power plants by smiling...learned that accidents happen, (...)

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Sure, nuclear power is safer than in the past - but we still don't need it

The Guardian, Tuesday July 11 2006
George Monbiot

If someone had worked out how to cause a war within the environment movement, they could not have developed a better means than nuclear power. In public we will line up to attack the energy review published by the government today. But in private we will reserve some of our venom for each other, as we start to ask ourselves whether we have made the right decision. The UK's (...)

(...)better means than nuclear power. In public we...replaced by thermal plants, the (...)

Environment

Energy review 'a sham' to back Blair on nuclear

The Observer, Sunday July 9 2006
Juliette Jowit, environment editor

A major review of Britain's future energy supplies has been a sham designed only to push through Tony Blair's dream of a new generation of nuclear power stations, a former leading government adviser claims today. Stephen Hale, who until a few weeks ago was special adviser to the then Environment Secretary, Margaret Beckett, writes in The Observer that the Prime Minister 'refus

(...)generation of nuclear power stations, a...risk of accidents and the...many nuclear plants will (...)

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