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World news

Nuclear plant admits inspection failure

 The Guardian, Wednesday August 11 2004
 Justin McCurry in Tokyo

The severely corroded cooling pipe which caused Monday's fatal accident at a power station in Japan had not been properly inspected for 28 years, despite warnings that it posed a safety threat, it emerged yesterday. Four workers died and seven others were injured when the pipe, carrying super-heated water, sprung a leak, sending scalding hot steam into a turbine building of (...)

(...)future of Japan's nuclear power industry. The accident, the worst since two workers died at a uranium reprocessing plant in September 1999, (...)

World news

Japan's nuclear industry under fire as steam leak kills four

 The Guardian, Tuesday August 10 2004
 Justin McCurry in Tokyo

Four Japanese electricity workers were killed yesterday and seven others injured when turbine steam escaped at a nuclear power plant in Mihama, on the Sea of Japan. The reactor automatically shut down while rescue workers tried to help the victims. The Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency said there were no radioactive materials in the steam and no radiation impact on the (...)

(...)this continues, there are going to be more accidents." Japan has more than 50 nuclear power plants, providing 34% of its energy needs, but (...)

World news

Four killed in Japan nuclear plant accident

 guardian.co.uk, Monday August 9 2004
 Agencies

Four people were today killed and seven others injured in an accident at a nuclear power facility in Japan. The victims suffered severe burns after steam at a temperature of 200C escaped from machinery. Kansai Electric Power, which runs the plant, said a lack of cooling water had caused the accident, the Kyodon news agency reported. No radioactive material was involved in the (...)

(...)in an accident at a nuclear power facility in...runs the plant, said (...)

From the Guardian

Four reported dead, seven injured in worst-ever accident at Japanese nuclear plant

 guardian.co.uk, Monday August 9 2004
 Staff and agencies

A nonradioactive steam leak killed four people and injured seven others today in the worst-ever accident at a Japanese nuclear power plant, officials said. Two workers

were in critical condition. No radiation was involved and there was no need to evacuate the area around the plant in Mihama, a small city about 320 kilometers (200 miles) west of Tokyo, officials said. "Radioac

(...)and injured seven others today in the worst-ever accident at a Japanese nuclear power plant, officials said. Two workers were in critical condition. (...)

UK news

Nuclear plant backed by Blair is £600m 'white elephant'

The Guardian, Monday July 26 2004
Paul Brown and Rob Evans

A nuclear fuel factory which was personally approved by Tony Blair has so far cost the taxpayer more than £600m - and rising - without producing a single saleable item, a Guardian investigation has established. The factory at Sellafield in Cumbria was designed to process plutonium and uranium from used nuclear fuel rods to power reactors for overseas customers of (...)

A nuclear fuel factory which...fuel rods to power reactors for overseas...to order the plant to begin (...)

Education

Critics' choice

The Guardian, Tuesday June 15 2004
Chris A Butlin and Lindsey Fraser

The web: Radioactivity and nuclear power Radioactivity history lapp.in2p3.fr/neutrinos/centenaire/rada.html Suitable for KS4/5 pupils & teachers This is a very good site dealing first with the discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Rontgen and then of radioactivity by Becquerel, including the famous photographic plate that revealed radioactive emissions. The work of others (...)

(...)case for and against nuclear power, cost comparisons, the generation of power, various designs of plants, plant operation, potential pollution, accidents (such as those (...)

World news

First tremor in the last outpost

The Guardian, Saturday May 29 2004
Tim Judah

On April 22 this year, a train exploded in the provincial station of Ryongchon in North Korea, nine hours after the country's leader Kim Jong-il had passed through it. More than 160 are believed to have died and 1,300 were injured. According to official North Korean sources, the explosion was caused by "an electrical contact" hitting a train carrying ammonium nitrate (...)

(...)that had led to the accident? With the barest of information...refusing to give up his nuclear weapons programme. The official (...)

Film

The return of the outsider

guardian.co.uk, Friday April 30 2004
Gavin Lambert

Framed in the distant rectangle of a lighted window, a lone figure stares out at a night of total darkness, which fills the larger rectangle of the cinema screen. This striking image opens Mike Hodges' first feature film, Get Carter (1971). Thirty-two years later, I'll Sleep When I'm Dead opens with another image of another lone figure, staring out at the ocean on an (...)

Business

US nuclear industry powers back into life

The Guardian, Tuesday April 13 2004
David Teather in New York

Twenty-five years after the United States suffered its worst nuclear accident, the moribund atomic energy industry has begun to show signs of life. A consortium of seven of the biggest companies in the business, including a division of British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL), now says it intends to apply for the first licence to build a commercial nuclear plant in the US since the near

(...)its worst nuclear accident, the moribund...commercial nuclear plant in the...s favour. Power blackouts (...)

Travel

Avant garden

The Guardian, Saturday March 13 2004
Ben Mallalieu

Only two hours' drive from London, you can find yourself at the end of the world. Surely nowhere, even in Patagonia, is as bleak or as beautiful as Dungeness. Hieronymus Bosch would have liked it here. But until recently, it was regarded as an eyesore. The road west from Hythe and Dymchurch has a sandy beach on one side, a ribbon of houses on the other, initially pioneered by

(...)suitable place to site a nuclear power station. At the time (...)

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