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The spectre of Chernobyl

 The Guardian, Monday May 14 2007
 Patrick Gray

The Chernobyl explosion and the subsequent fire that raged into the middle of May in 1986 sent a shockwave of fear around the globe, abruptly halting plans to build nuclear reactors. Twenty-one years on, with the search for environmentally friendly energy sources paramount, the prime minister has called for a new generation of nuclear power stations - a view echoed by last (...)

(...)to build nuclear reactors. Twenty...of nuclear power stations - a...s nuclear plants, which account...explored the accident, but (...)

UK news

A sea change (1985 to 1987)

guardian.co.uk, Thursday May 3 2007

Mikhail Gorbachev elected General Secretary of the Communist PartyGorbachev was the leader of the Soviet Union, serving from 1985 until its collapse in 1991.Chernobyl disasterThe Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant exploded in the USSR on 26 April 1986. As a result of the catastrophic explosion and hazardous radiation levels, all residents of the area were evacuated - very few ever (...)

(...)disasterThe Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant exploded in...another nuclear accident - as (...)

Environment

Flight turbulence

 The Guardian, Wednesday May 2 2007
 David Adam

Perched on the south-east tip of mainland Britain, the Kent village of Lydd has long been acquainted with controversy and the realities of modern life. Dungeness A and B nuclear power stations stand sentinel on the skyline, and the rattle of gunfire often drifts across the shingle from two Ministry of Defence firing ranges. Now the residents of Lydd and the surrounding region

(...)A and B nuclear power stations stand sentinel...attracts insects and plants not found (...)

News

Sellafield's nuclear secrets

 guardian.co.uk, Wednesday April 18 2007
 John Vidal

Ever so slowly, Sellafield and the British nuclear industry give up their secrets. The disclosure that the government will hold an inquiry into claims that the body parts of workers who died in west Cumbria and at other nuclear plants were secretly taken for testing without families' consent is shocking but not surprising. Secrecy has always been the norm at Sellafield. The va

(...)the British nuclear industry give...other nuclear plants were secretly...second worst accident in nuclear...on nuclear power. Where (...)

Environment

How safe is a floating nuclear power plant?

The Guardian, Wednesday April 18 2007
Leo Hickman

Given that we are already supposed to be facing the twin threats of terrorism and environmental meltdown, you might think the last thing the world needs is a fleet of floating nuclear power plants (NPPs). Russia disagrees, and confirmed this week that construction has started on the first of seven ships carrying a 70MW nuclear reactor. The ships will provide power to remote (...)

(...)of floating nuclear power plants (NPPs). Russia...least 100 accidents, varying (...)

Environment

From Windscale to Sellafield: a history of controversy

guardian.co.uk, Wednesday April 18 2007
Peter Walker

Today's news that body parts were taken from dead workers at the Sellafield nuclear facility is grisly, but not entirely unexpected when considered within the history of what is possibly Britain's longest-running public relations disaster. Over its half-century of nuclear work, the Sellafield complex, by the village of Seascale on the west Cumbria coast, has attracted the ire

(...)the Sellafield nuclear facility is...worst nuclear accident before that...changing the plant's name...to generate power using (...)

World news

Paul Leventhal

The Guardian, Tuesday April 17 2007
David Lowy

Frequently attired in his trademark bow tie, Paul Leventhal, who has died aged 69, after a protracted illness, appeared as an establishment dandy amid arms control radicals - until he opened his mouth. Compelling, sometimes abrasive, and latterly president emeritus of the Nuclear Control Institute (NCI) - which he founded 25 years ago - Leventhal was an adversary of atomic (...)

(...)latterly president emeritus of the Nuclear Control Institute (NCI) - which he...sum up his concerns: nuclear power and the spread of (...)

Business

Metal prices lift gloom over Sainsbury's fall

The Guardian, Wednesday April 11 2007
Marianne Barriaux

The FTSE 100 remained little changed all day yesterday, and closed up 20.5 points at 6417.8, as high metal prices managed to offset a whirlwind of activity surrounding the Sainsbury's bid. Undoubtedly, though, the supermarket chain was the talk of the town as the private equity bid looked close to collapse. Sainsbury's shares fell 22.5p to 538.5p, making it the biggest faller
Business

Metal prices offset Sainsbury's fall

guardian.co.uk, Tuesday April 10 2007
Marianne Barriaux

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World news

Javans fired up over reactor next to volcano

The Guardian, Thursday April 5 2007
Ian MacKinnon in Mount Muria, Indonesia

Indonesia is forging ahead with plans to build its first nuclear power plant in the shadow of a dormant volcano, despite mounting opposition from environmental groups who fear a catastrophe in a country beset by earthquakes and natural disasters. The favoured site on the north coast of Java is overlooked by the brooding presence of 5,250ft (1,600-metre) Mount Muria. Critics (...)

(...)build its first nuclear power plant in the (...)

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