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The night Sellafield turned into a shooting gallery

guardian.co.uk, Friday July 14 2000

Paul Brown, Environment correspondent

Boredom is recognised as a serious problem at nuclear facilities. It leads to staff becoming so torpid they fail to notice alarm lights flashing, as happened in the 1980s at the notorious Three Mile Island power plant accident in the US. In the battle to stay awake workers are known to play games and indulge in dangerous pranks. But using the corridors of the giant plutonium (...)

(...)problem at nuclear facilities. It...Mile Island power plant accident in (...)

Society

Eco soundings

The Guardian, Wednesday June 21 2000

John Vidal

• Half a lifetime ago, Satish Kumar walked from India to Britain with a twinkle in his eye. He's still here, undaunted, and for 25 years has been editing Resurgence, a gloriously idiosyncratic mag devoted to the environment, art and spirituality. Resurgence is produced on a shoestring but Satish has never failed to persuade the world's leading thinkers, activists, (...)

World news

Chernobyl to close 14 years after disaster

The Guardian, Tuesday June 6 2000

Ian Traynor in Moscow

Ukraine pledged yesterday that the stricken Chernobyl nuclear power station, where the world's worst nuclear disaster erupted 14 years ago, would be closed down forever by the end of the year. The announcement by President Leonid Kuchma in Kiev in the presence of Bill Clinton crowned the US president's week-long valedictory tour of Europe and concluded seven years of (...)

(...)stricken Chernobyl nuclear power station, where...nuclear power plant will be...of the accident there." (...)

World news

Russia and US in nuclear deal

The Guardian, Monday June 5 2000

Ian Traynor in Moscow

In what President Bill Clinton described as "a milestone in enhancing strategic stability", the US and Russia yesterday agreed to set up the first ever joint early warning centre in Moscow, aimed at reducing the chances of a nuclear war being launched by accident. It is scheduled to begin operation by next autumn. It would initially run for 10 years, and could extended for (...)

(...)of a nuclear war being...launched by accident. It is...building a power plant at (...)

Environment

The nuclear option comes in from cold

The Guardian, Tuesday May 23 2000
David Gow

Is nuclear energy poised to make a comeback? The question may seem naive given the hammering the industry has taken in recent weeks: British Nuclear Fuels' debacle over its Japanese reprocessing contracts; British Energy's sagging profits and collapsing share price - and safety worries caused by its staff cuts. But there are grounds, most paradoxically environmental reasons,

Is nuclear energy poised...building new power plants may be...risk of accidents. But (...)

World news

Nuclear accident claims new death

The Guardian, Friday April 28 2000
Justin McCurry in Kobe

A second worker exposed to dangerously high levels of radiation during Japan's worst nuclear accident last September died yesterday morning at a hospital in Tokyo. Masato Shinohara, 40, died of multiple organ failure, doctors said. He had been connected to a respirator since February, after his condition worsened. Mr Shinohara was one of two employees of the nuclear fuel (...)

(...)s worst nuclear accident last September...uranium processing plant in Tokaimura...civil nuclear power programme. (...)

UK news

How BNFL deployed its dirty tricks arsenal

The Guardian, Thursday April 13 2000
David Hencke and Rob Evans

A large number of internal documents have been leaked from British Nuclear Fuels Ltd revealing that the public relations department was involved in a series of "dirty tricks" in dealing with hostile ministers and MPs in Ireland and the UK. They also reveal that BNFL has buried important safety information - with the knowledge of the Department of Trade and Industry - on the (...)

(...)leaked from British Nuclear Fuels Ltd revealing...of a nuclear accident spreading fallout over...to close this plant, as I (...)

Environment

Nuclear flasks fail safety test in new blow for BNFL

The Guardian, Saturday April 1 2000
Rob Edwards and Paul Brown

Flasks used by British Nuclear Fuels to transport dangerous radioactive material can resist fire for less than three minutes, newly released research reveals. The revelation will provide fresh headaches for the crisis-ridden BNFL, which runs a major business using the flasks. New safety regulations demanded by the United Nations mean that all the flasks will now have to be (...)

(...)by British Nuclear Fuels to...for nuclear power stations - around...fuel fabrication plant in Preston...after an accident. "Rupture (...)

World news

News in brief

The Guardian, Saturday March 11 2000

Bomb blast kills 18 in Colombo A bomb explosion on a Colombo street killed at least 18 people and wounded more than 40 during the evening rush hour yesterday, Sri Lankan police and hospital sources said. Many of the injured were in critical condition in hospital and fatalities were likely to rise. Initial reports said a vehicle had exploded, but some witnesses said there (...)

(...)themselves illegally while in office", it added. General Robert Guei, who took power from Mr Bedie in a Christmas Eve coup, accused the ousted (...)

World news

Fire fuels nuclear row in Japan

The Guardian, Friday February 25 2000
Jonathan Watts in Tokyo

Japan's beleaguered nuclear industry suffered a new blow yesterday when a fire broke out at one of the country's power plants. Although no radiation was leaked, it is the latest of many accidents in recent years that has undermined public confidence in atomic energy, which Japan relies on for more than a third of its electricity. The fire broke out at the Onagawara nuclear po

(...)s beleaguered nuclear industry suffered...country's power plants. Although no...of many accidents in (...)

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