

Greenpeace playing games with coloured lights

Not a smudge on their page of history: Greenpeace does best when it can keep it's volunteers youngsters occupied with make-shift fun and games. Read "New Worlds," PublishAmerica 2005 for an excellent expose of their methods of protest.

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Over the past fortnight an enormous projection reading "KAPOW!" has materialised on several of the UK's nuclear power stations, highlighting the risk of terrorist attack to nuclear sites.

Greenpeace volunteers drove up to the perimeter fences of Dungeness, Sizewell, Wylfa, Oldbury, Heysham and Torness nuclear power stations and projected the cartoon-style image onto the walls.

This exposure of the vulnerability of UK nuclear sites comes at a time when Tony Blair is planning to dramatically increase the risk of a catastrophic terrorist attack by building a new generation of nuclear reactors.

But just how likely is a nuclear terrorist attack?

"Nuclear terrorism is still often treated as science fiction," said UN Secretary General Kofi Annan in 2005. "I wish it were. But unfortunately we live in a world of excess hazardous materials and abundant technological know-how, in which some terrorists clearly state their intention to inflict catastrophic casualties."

There have already been six known direct attacks on nuclear power plants – in France, South Africa, Switzerland, the Philippines and Spain. In fact, The International Policy Institute for Counter Terrorism documents 167 terrorist incidents involving a nuclear target between 1970 and 1999.

This latter statement is a typical Greenpeace lie: the only known terrorist attack on a nuclear plant was in the eighties on the Super-Phoenix plant in France. Terrorists fired mortars at the plant from across the river. Who were they? Well, Greenpeace itself of course.

According to a taped interview with Al Jazeera, Al Qaeda initially planned to include a nuclear plant in its 2001 attacks. The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission sent a confidential memo to all US nuclear power plants warning of plans for a terrorist attack in which hijackers "fly a commercial aircraft into a nuclear power plant"..

In the UK, detailed plans of Britain's nuclear sites, including Sizewell, were found in a car linked to the July 2005 London bombings.

The results of a terrorist attack on a nuclear power station would be catastrophic; UK nuclear sites aren't built to withstand a deliberate crash by a jumbo jet full of highly explosive aviation fuel. A terrorist strike on Sellafield's storage tanks of radioactive waste has the potential to kill over two million people. **This statement is of the order of "You can drown a million people with the water from Windermere and yet we don't guard its boundaries from terrorist attack."**

A fire in a spent fuel cooling pond at Sizewell B would result in huge releases of radioactivity just 100 miles from London.

"Millions of people could die as a result of a terrorist attack on a nuclear plant," said Sarah North, head of Greenpeace's nuclear campaign.

... and so on. Sarah North is a person without a life who loves to see herself quoted in newspapers whatever inane words she utters. Unfortunately people like this go to their graves not even having left a smudge on their page of history.