

Inquiry into nuclear flask fall

A routine working incident but nothing to be scared about.

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The cargo was being transported to Sellafield in Cumbria

A nuclear flask containing plutonium-contaminated material fell off the side of a wagon at Sellafield.

The container from the waste depository at nearby Drigg was taken to the Cumbria site by rail and fell as it was transferred to a trailer on Thursday.

The Sellafield Site Emergency Control Centre was set up as a precaution.

British Nuclear Group (BNG) said there was no release of radioactivity during the incident and no one was hurt. The container was later recovered.

BNG said in a statement that an investigation had been launched into how it happened.