

Fourth accident at Lucas Heights

The nuclear world had better be safer than safe in these next few years, even a paper cut at a nuclear research center is a nuclear accident. Take care Fellows!

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The operator of Australia's only nuclear reactor insists it is safe despite four accidents in the past week that threaten to undermine the Federal Government's nuclear energy inquiry before it begins.

The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) today confirmed there had been four accidents in a week involving radioactive material at Sydney's Lucas Heights Reactor.

Two of the incidents happened today and while ANSTO admitted it was "extremely unusual" to have so many incidents in such a short time, it insisted the events posed no threat to public health.

But Labor said all Australians should be concerned, and the events were a warning of what could come if a nuclear power industry was ever allowed to develop in the country.

ANSTO today revealed a worker received a low radiation dose of iodine-123 while packaging radiopharmaceuticals yesterday, and two more "minor" incidents happened today.