

Trident Nuclear Fuel Road Transport Derby to Plymouth



Trident submarine SSBN Vanguard began its two year re-fit in Devonport Dockyard, Plymouth in February 2002 after the missiles and warheads had previously been removed. Spent fuel removed from the reactor, will be transported **by rail** to Sellafield for long-term storage – new fuel will be delivered by road. Three other Trident boats are to be refitted over the next eight years.

NEW FUEL

- New fuel components built at Rolls Royce Nuclear in Derby, will be transported by road to Devonport, probably starting in late 2002 and 2003.
- An accident involving damage to the transport containment flask, releasing radiation into the environment would cause serious contamination and health consequences. Beyond the immediate area, radioactive fallout would be carried on the wind until either it drops to earth in rain or gradually falls up to 100s or 1000s of miles away.
- There is no safe level of radiation exposure.

TRANSPORT ROUTESThe ***fuel convoys*** can take various routes south, including the M1 M42, M40, M4 M25, A43, A34, A303 and M5 before joining the A38 to Plymouth.

ESCORT

Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) from AWE Aldermaston will provide a security & emergency escort: marked 4 wheel-drives, cars and m/cycles, an emergency van and an unmarked coach. Marines in blue Ford transits may also escort the load carrier. Radiation symbols will be on the side and rear of a loaded carrier.



WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR... We do not know what the load carrier will look like, but ANY SIGHTING OF ANY MDP ESCORT VEHICLES from **now on** may indicate a transport, training or return run. Without a load carrier, the escort group itself is an important guide to past and future movements. The MDP badge distinguishes the convoy from the County Police who may also be around.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A CONVOY OR A PART OF IT

Note the date, time, location, direction, speed, the vehicle, number plates & hazard signs if possible.

***RING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:
Charlotte 01803 200977 or 07788725136
Di 02380554434 or 07880 557035
Joe 01684 576039 or 07950 774496***

Nukewatch can then warn Local Authorities, Emergency Services, the media, MPs and ordinary people of the risk of a nuclear convoy.

NUKEWATCH is a national nonviolence network of ordinary people opposed to nuclear weapons and concerned about the health and safety risks of a nuclear transport accident. Convoys out in the public domain are not secret, but they are a safety and security risk, and should not be on our roads.

If you can help watch your local road occasionally, please ring us and we can put you in touch with other local Nukewatchers.