

for an atomic bomb type of explosion to take place in any submarine.

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Should a nuclear accident occur in a nuclear submarine the effect would be, at the worse, a small release of radio-activity. The possibility of such an accident occurring is extremely remote but this Scheme has been prepared to ensure that the public will be safeguarded even in such an unlikely event.

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In the case of nuclear accident to a submarine reactor, the submarine will be converted into a source of radiation but initially only Gamma radiation would be able to penetrate the bulkheads and hull of the vessel. As the heat and pressure in the submarine increase, volatile and gaseous fission products only are forced out and released to the atmosphere. This "cloud" of fission products will pour downwind from the submarine, but, while being diluted in the atmosphere and dispersed by the wind, may produce a hazard if inhaled or if consumed after being deposited on uncovered food and crops. For instance, a cow grazing on contaminated grass may collect radio-active iodine and pass this on in the milk it produces.

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The Iodine 131 component of the radio-active cloud is relatively so large from a hazard point of view compared with any or all of the other constituents that a plan which provides protection from it ensures protection from the effects of the other constituents. The Iodine 131 hazard arises from internal irradiation of the thyroid by radio-active iodine concentrated therein following inhalation or ingestion. Because the thyroid weight varies considerably as between children and adults, the former cannot accept as much Iodine 131 as the latter. Children should therefore be given priority in any evacuation scheme.

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It must be realised that airborne radio-activity may spread over large areas and contaminate food and water supplies in addition to crops. Consumption of milk, water, food may therefore have to be controlled or prevented altogether until a full monitoring programme has been carried out.

1967 Safety scheme

The 61 scheme included nuclear weapons and a map of Holy Loch showing 5 1/2 mile radius

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