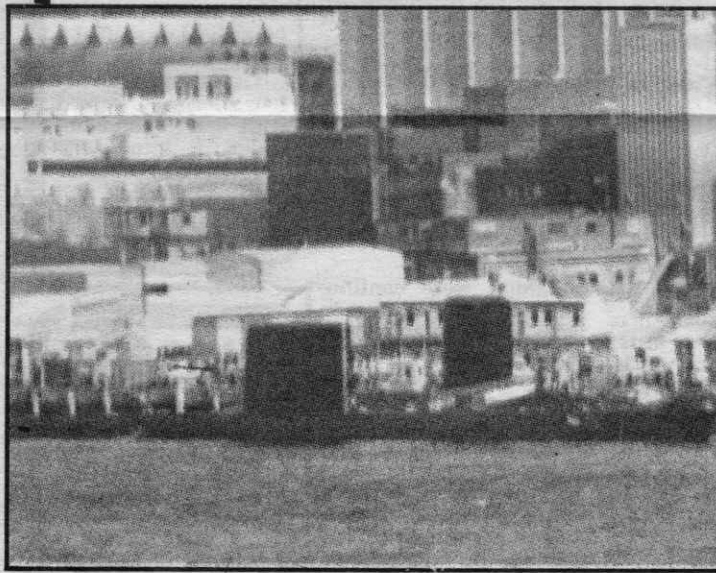


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# FURY AT FASLANE COVER-UP

## Nuclear accident would wipe out half the population



**FASLANE ALERT . . . new fears over base**

**DEFENCE** chiefs were today urged to "come clean" after secret nuclear documents were leaked.

The documents - withheld from emergency planning officials - show a "worst case scenario" at Faslane could wipe out **HALF** the population of Scotland.

And they sparked a bitter row between defence chiefs and anxious politicians.

### **Danger**

The leak came as defence secretary Malcolm Rifkind unveiled the new £1.7 billion Trident facility at Faslane.

Defence officials have always claimed a bad Faslane accident would be confined to a 10 kilometre radius of the base.

But in today's documents, the MoD

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admits the danger zone is TEN times greater.

The secret documents, from Royal Navy College, Department of Nuclear Science and Technology, have been withheld from emergency planning officials at Strathclyde Central and Lothian regional councils.

### **Outraged**

They are the people who would have to co-ordinate any disaster procedures in the "unlikely" event of a nuclear accident at Faslane - Couplart or Rosyth.

Strathclyde Planning Chairman councillor Gerald McGrath, said he was "outraged" at the withholding of the information.

And Labour's defence spokesman

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