

Clyde Submarine Base

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**CLYDE SUBMARINE BASE SET TO ISSUE
NUCLEAR SAFETY ADVICE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS**

Next week the Clyde Submarine Base at Faslane will begin distributing a Public Information booklet entitled "What To Do In A Radiation Emergency" to residents in the Rahane, Mambeg, Garelochhead, Faslane and Shandon areas.

This guide has been prepared by the Ministry of Defence in conjunction with Local Authorities and meets the Government's new Public Information for Radiation Emergencies Regulations 1992 (PIRER). These regulations require all operators of major nuclear sites to distribute prior information to householders in the vicinity of those nuclear installations on what action to take in the highly unlikely event of a radiation emergency.

The Ministry of Defence and the Health and Safety Executive, which is responsible for the administration of the regulations, have agreed that in the case of nuclear berths at Faslane the distribution area should extend 2 kilometres from the berths.

A similar booklet will be distributed during the next two months to those residents living within 550 metres of sites occupied by nuclear submarines for short durations. These are in Glenmallan, Portree, Lochgoil, Campbeltown, Loch Ewe and the Shetlands.

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For further information, please contact Mark Steels, Senior Public Relations Officer, on 0436 74321 ext. 3239.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

There will be a press conference, on the issue of the PIRER booklet, at the Clyde Submarine Base on Friday 25 June at 1100. Those wishing to attend should complete the attached proforma and return it to this office, by fax, as soon as possible.