

Action plan in nuke crisis

NAVAL chiefs will spell out an emergency action plan to residents living near the Faslane submarine base.

Next week the base will begin distributing a public information booklet called What to do in a radiation emergency.

The guide has been prepared by the Ministry of Defence with local authorities.

It meets the Government's new regulations which require operators of major nuclear sites to distribute prior information to nearby householders on what to do in the event of a radiation emergency.

Defence chiefs and the health and Safety Executive have agreed that the distribution area should extend 2 kilometres from the berths at Faslane.

A similar booklet will be distributed to residents living within 550 metres of sites occupied by nuclear submarines for short durations.

These are in Glenmallan, Portree, Lochgoll, Campbeltown, Loch Ewe and the Shetlands.