

NUKE SUB IN MED SMASH

A NUCLEAR sub and an oil supertanker have collided in the Mediterranean.

And the race is on to save beaches on the French Riviera as oil leaked from the tanker.

Officials are tackling a two-mile slick although they claim beaches are not under immediate threat.

However the French Navy said there was no radioactive leak from the attack sub Rubis.

A Greenpeace spokesman said: "This is everyone's

Slick threat to Riviera

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worst nightmare - a collision between two of the most dangerous types of sea-going vessels.

"We could have a damaged reactor beneath an oil slick in a heavily-populated area," she added.

But a French navy spokes-

man insisted there was no radiation threat.

The collision took place off the French Riviera coast as the 2385-ton sub surfaced to head for its base in Toulon.

Shortly before its periscope broke water, the Rubis came into collision with the Lyria, a French-owned 277,734-ton tanker on its way to the port of Fos-sur-Mer.

Naval officials launched an immediate inquiry into the incident.