

Subject: PITs
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John
Thanks for your call. Here's a bit more on the PITs distribution from down here.

>From Plymouth Evening Herald 13 Dec.1996
"Around 1 in 10 households close to Devonport Naval Base have applied to keep supplies of ant-radiation tablets"...."South and West Devon Health Authority began issuing the potassium iodate tablets on request to people living with a 2km radius of the nuclear submarine berths back in August (1996)"...."it emerged that 1700 city households had been issued with the tablets....after filling in a request form"...."The form was delivered to around 17500 homes"

We tend to dispute the figures. There are more than 17500 homes within 2 km and it shows that the distribution of the forms was poorly conducted. Even so, 10% is still nothing to be pleased about, and we regard it as a bit of a failure.

also:
Letter from South & West Devon Health Authority, Dr. Andrew Rouse Locum Consultant in Communicable Disease, 1/ Dec. 1996
"I looked at the data base yesterday. 1701 requests have been processed - very few requests are now arriving at our office.
3699 were dispensed to adults
549 were dispensed to children above 10 years of age
495 were dispensed to children below 10 years of age"

John, hope this is useful
If you do hear of any connections with dose rates either to submariners or workers with cancers, please let me know - either side of the Atlantic.
Panorama are thinking of doing a programme and I've already sent them some stuff on reactor fitters who came forward with health problems at the time of the Gardner Report in 1990.

Best wishes

Kevin