

NUCLEAR FREE ZONE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AGM and CONFERENCE

GLASGOW 19-21 September 1988.

Nuclear Free Scotland Campaign Plenary 2.00pm - 2.45pm Tuesday 20 September.

Planning Assumptions Studies in Central Scotland: "Assessing the Impact of Nuclear Attack".

Joint Progress Report by the Study Co-ordinators of the East Central Scotland and Strathclyde Planning Assumptions Studies.

Mr. Gus Guthrie, Study Co-ordinator of the Strathclyde Planning Assumptions Study and Emergency Planning Officer with Strathclyde Regional Council will briefly outline the historical background to Civil Defence in the UK, and the responsibilities and placed on Local Authorities in this respect. The statutory obligations contained in the 1983 Civil Defence Regulations will be introduced against the background of the "Planned Programme for Implementation", the timetable suggested by HM Government.

There are important areas in which assumptions have to be made in drawing up Civil Defence plans and the areas in which Government guidance is seen to be inadequate. The initiatives taken by the NFZ National Steering Committee in setting up nationally co-ordinated Planning Assumptions Studies, which will research such areas, and the National support and resources made available for such research will be described. The organisation of the East Central Scotland and the Strathclyde Planning Assumptions Studies and the personnel involved will be compared.

The main progress so far in both studies has been in assessing the impact of two reasonably likely nuclear attack patterns. The computer program which is used in this estimation will be described and the results for the impact on Strathclyde Region will be presented. The information provided by the Strathclyde PAS to its sub-Regions and Districts will be available.

Mr. Alan Walker, Study Co-ordinator of the East Central Scotland Planning Assumptions Study and Lecturer in Physics at the University of Edinburgh will present results obtained so far for the area covered by the four Regions of Central, Fife, Lothian and Tayside, under similar assumptions and summarise the scale of the impact on the whole of the Central belt of Scotland.

The level of casualties, both fatalities and serious injuries, pose serious problems for Civil Defence planning and some important areas in which further Government guidance is needed will be presented.

It is hoped that delegates will have opportunities for questions at the end of the presentation.