

Radioactive leaks

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A further two leaks from nuclear submarines have been admitted to by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to add to those disclosed last month (your report, 28 April). These latest revelations bring the total number of leaks over the past 12 years to nine.

Although they did not occur at Faslane, the latest two leaks are a particular concern in Scotland now that we know the government intends to make the base home to the UK's entire fleet of submarines. The old ramshackle nuclear waste facilities at Faslane will now have even more waste to deal with. None of the leaks was a particular threat, but that appears to have been more a matter of luck than design. This all follows an admission by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency that there is very little it can do because it does not have the legal power to force the MoD to behave.

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