

WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS A NUCLEAR EMERGENCY AT LOCH EWE

For residents in the locality of the **OPERATIONAL BERTH** at
the **OPA Loch Ewe Jetty**



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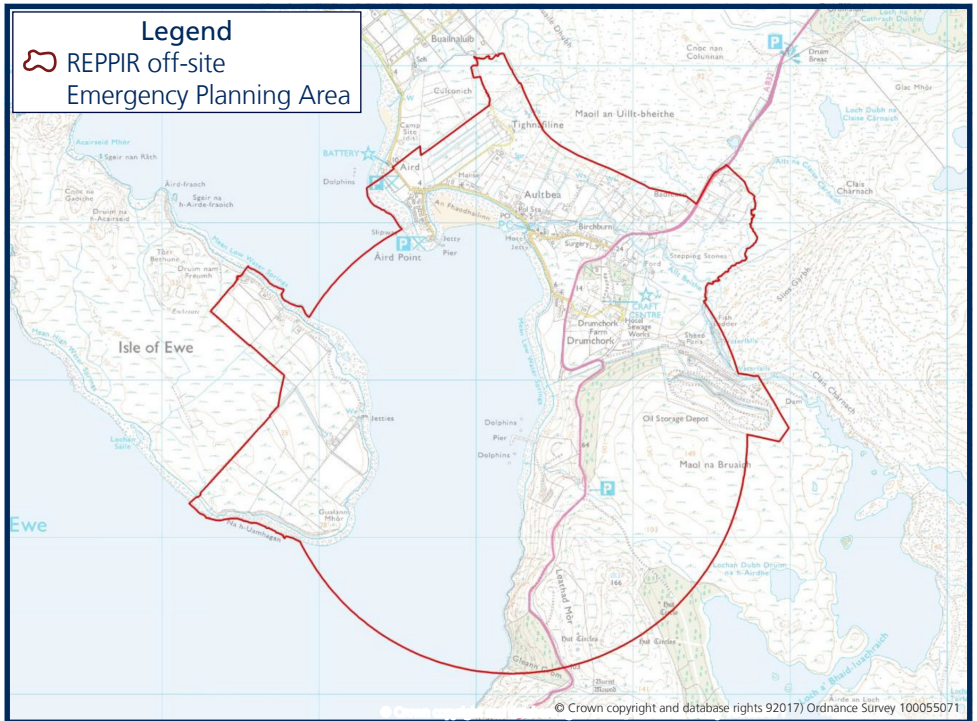
WHY DO I NEED THIS BOOKLET?



This booklet has been made for people who live in or work around Loch Ewe Operational Berth.



There is a more detailed version of this leaflet that has been sent to everyone within the planning zone pictured below.



Detailed Emergency Planning Zone -
Loch Ewe operational berth

WHAT IS RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL?



Submarines can sometimes visit this berth. The submarines run on a special type of fuel called nuclear power.



The submarines are well looked after and well built. This means the chance of an emergency is very small.



When the fuel has been used it turns into radioactive material.



This is usually safe but should there be an incident (a big accident) it is important to know what to do in the case of a nuclear emergency.

IN A NUCLEAR EMERGENCY:



In the unlikely case of a nuclear emergency lots of different people would come together to make a plan to protect the public.

These would include the:



- Police



- Fire service



- Ambulance service



- Council



- Health services



- The Scottish Environment Protection Agency - their job is to protect the environment

HOW WILL I KNOW THERE IS A NUCLEAR EMERGENCY?



You will be informed by the emergency services (Fire, Police, Ambulance Service) that there is an incident or you will see/hear information from the television, radio or internet.

There would also be announcements on the:



- Television



- Radio



- Social media

RADIATION:



It is important that you follow this advice as radiation could make you very poorly.



Things become contaminated. This means full of radiation.

You could:



- Breathe in contaminated air



- Touch contaminated surfaces



- Eat or drink something that had become contaminated



- Be directly exposed to radiation; this means being outside and the radiation affecting you

WHAT SHOULD I DO?



You will be told there is an emergency by the Police, the radio or the news. If you are told to shelter you should go indoors and stay there. If you have any pets keep them inside too. Close all of your windows and doors.



Turn off anything which pulls air into the house. For example: fires and boilers.



Eat and drink items that have been covered or sealed. For example: cans or frozen items in your freezer.



If needed you will be asked to take special iodine tablets to help keep parts of you healthy.

WHAT NOT TO DO:



If you have children do not leave the house to collect them. Schools and nurseries will have plans in place and will keep your child safe.



Don't ring everyone you know. It is important to keep the phone lines clear so the emergency services can speak to each other.



Don't leave the area thinking you would be safe somewhere else. Roads need to be kept clear so the emergency services don't get stuck in traffic.



If you have any questions about anything in this booklet please contact:

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