

FURY AT COVER-UP

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George Foulkes MP called for the MoD to "come clean" about the public danger.

Peace campaigners at Faslane said the documents proved that the Scottish public is "expendable".

The 100-kilometre radius would mean a possible radiation danger from Faslane for people living as far south as GIRVAN - and as far north as FORT WILLIAM.

It would also include EDINBURGH to the east and ISLAY to the west.

Only two months ago, the MoD issued a survival guide for residents in the Dumbarton area - in the "unlikely event of a radiation emergency".

The booklet reveals that iodate tablets should

be distributed to nearby residents to counter the effects of radioactivity.

But now the Navy admits the threatened area is very much bigger.

Strathclyde's emergency planning officer, John McVicar, said: "The worst case scenario puts us into a totally unmanageable situation.

"There is no way we have the logistical ability to distribute these tablets out to that area.

"We're talking in excess of 60 per cent of the population of Scotland."

Faslane peace camp spokesman Malcolm Boatman added: "This just proves what we have been saying all along.

"We hope now the public will realise the danger they face."

George Foulkes added: "We have always felt this

10 kilometre danger zone was a lot of nonsense, and this news confirms that.

"It also underlines the need for greater safety measures.

"Chernobyl showed us just what can happen in a worst case scenario. It might be a one in a million year threat, but who is to say when that year will be?"

And Gerald McGrath said: "It is outrageous the Navy has not told us this before.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said the document was included as part of a training course to give awareness of a theoretical accident.

He added: "The course covers a range of hypothetical scenarios. The worst case scenario had a probability so small as to defy precise calculation."

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