

A-ATTACK STUDY

A STUDY into the effects of a nuclear attack on East Central Scotland is being carried out by a council.

Central Region Council is one of 13 nuclear-free zones undertaking the study which has been commissioned by the local authorities to enable them to comply with legislation on preparing civil defence plans.

Concern throughout the 13 councils over the inadequacy and ambiguity of information available from the Government, has led them to commission the study.

Without it, the councils say, it would be impossible to draw up sensible contingencies for dealing with the aftermath of a nuclear attack.

The study, which is expected to take 18 months to complete, will be carried out by qualified physicists from Edinburgh University.

Central Region will pay £10,000 towards the £76,000 total for the survey and its associated administration, documentation, consultancy and ancillary costs.

Tom Coll, a Central Regional councillor is representing the region at the launch.

He said: "Although the evidence suggests that a nuclear attack is most likely to follow a period of conventional warfare, nobody would disagree that it makes sense to prepare for the worst."