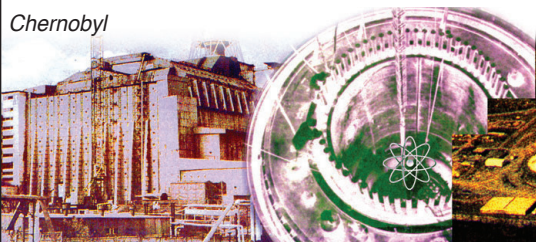


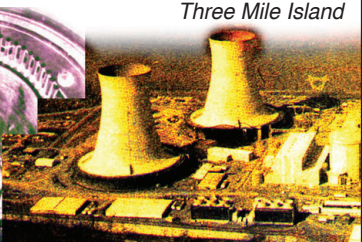
# World's worst nuclear incidents

**Chernobyl nuclear power station will begin decommissioning this week, but the last fuel rods will not be removed until 2008. The plant in north-west Ukraine was the site of the world's worst nuclear disaster in 1986 which resulted in an estimated 15,000 deaths from radiation-related illnesses**

*Chernobyl*



*Three Mile Island*



**1965:** Radioactive debris released from experimental nuclear-powered rocket, *Los Angeles, U.S.*

**1966:** Partial core meltdown, *Detroit, U.S.*

**1979:** Partial core meltdown, *Three Mile Island, U.S.*

**1957:** Fire in reactor core, *Windscale, UK*

**1983:** Radioactive discharge into Irish Sea, *Sellafield, UK*

**1957:** Nuclear waste explosion, *Chelyabinsk-65, Ural Mts., Russia*

**1997:** 51 tons of coolant leaks, *Tsuruga, Japan*

**1999:** Japan's worst nuclear accident; radiation 4,000 times normal, 150 people exposed, two deaths *Tokaimura, Japan*

**1979:** Enriched uranium leak. some 1,000 people receive five times normal radiation exposure, *Tennessee, U.S.*

**1992:** Safety breach, staff contaminated, *Forbach, France*

**1969:** Partial core meltdown, *Saint-Laurent, France*

**1986:** Explosion tears Chernobyl reactor apart – cloud of radiation sweeps across Europe

**1975:** Potential meltdown after fire, *Greifswald, East Germany*

