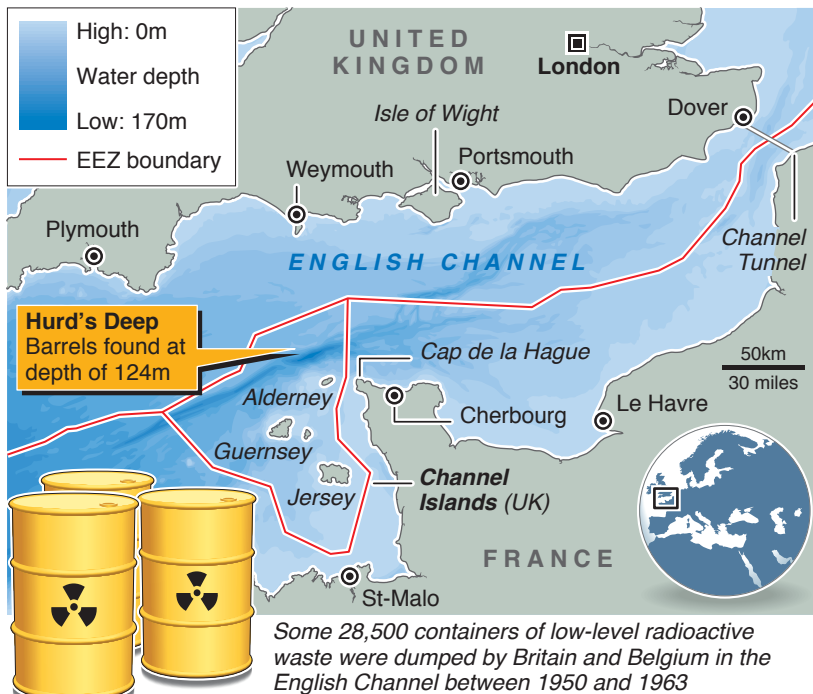


Call for English Channel nuke waste cleanup

Politicians in Germany are calling for the cleanup of a nuclear dump site in the English Channel after radioactive waste barrels were found by a remote-controlled submarine sent to the area by German journalists



Some 28,500 containers of low-level radioactive waste were dumped by Britain and Belgium in the English Channel between 1950 and 1963

► Barrels were thought to have rusted open, dissipating material throughout ocean. Joint Franco-German investigative report says waste still intact

► British barrels estimated to have contained 58 trillion becquerels (units of radioactivity). Belgian barrels held some 2.4 trillion bequerels. By way of comparison, EU limit for drinking water is 10 becquerels per litre

► Germany's Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH) found no indication of emissions during routine radioactive monitoring in Aug 2009