

Russians disturbed radioactive dust

Russian troops who seized the Chernobyl nuclear disaster site drove armoured vehicles without radiation protection through the highly toxic “Red Forest” zone, kicking up clouds of radioactive dust

CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Apr 26, 1986: Power surge in *No. 4 reactor* causes explosions, destroying core and releasing huge radioactive cloud

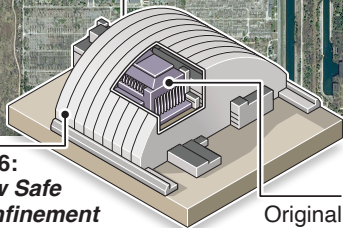
500m
1640ft

Feb 24, 2022: Russian convoy

Red Forest: Named after pine trees that turned ginger-brown and died after absorbing high levels of radiation following accident

2016:
New Safe Confinement shelter installed

Original sarcophagus



Feb 25: Ukraine's state nuclear inspectorate reports increase in radiation levels at Chernobyl after heavy military vehicles disturb soil