## Subject: Re: Would you make a Trip to Chernoyl? Posted by Nukelt15 on Mon, 09 Jun 2008 18:07:45 GMT

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If something gets under my skin, I'm gonna post about it. I'm gonna not only post about it, I'm gonna speak my mind- all of it, until I'm satisfied that I've said everything I have to say on the subject. It just so happens that 'what I had to say on the subject' consisted of more than just a yes or no answer. Too fucking bad; I don't like giving simple answers. Unlike most of the world, I'd rather give a reason for my answers- and I like to do so in detail.

If the post is too long for you, don't read it. If the words are too big for you, don't read it. If you don't agree with me, well, that's your choice, but 'stfu' is not a reply that's going to get your point across- that's not an argument, it's a placeholder; something you say when you don't have anything to say. All it will do is make me laugh a bit and tell you what you're doing wrong. I will do that not because I honestly believe you'll listen, but because I find it funny that I managed to piss somebody off by speaking my mind. If I'm getting under your skin, use the damned ignore feature-that's why it's there. It's better than posting the equivalent of "you're a big poopyhead."

Anyway, there was a topic buried here somewhere. Some general information might be useful:

Wikipedia

World Nuclear Association

World Health Organization

Information is always helpful because the hows and whys of the event often get lost behind the "OMG meltdown!" factor. Most folks don't know the difference between the various types of nuclear reactor, and even fewer realize that there actually are different types of nuclear reactor. Lots of folks assume that the exact same set of conditions that led to Chernobyl could occur at any nuclear power plant, hence the general squeamishness regarding nuclear power. Yes, any reactor can melt down, but a repeat of Chernobyl is vanishingly unlikely even among power plants using the same type of reactor.

Incidentally, for the sake of historical accuracy, the plant itself was the V.I. Lenin Nuclear Power Plant, not Chernobyl. Oh, and in case anybody's wondering... yes, they've made a movie of it. Probably more than one, but that was the first one that came up and I didn't feel like digging any deeper.