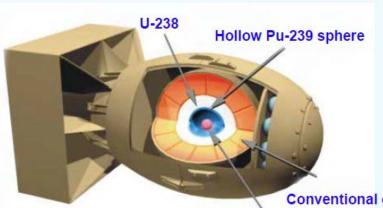


Hiroshima bomb "Little boy" Gun type

67 kg with 90 % enriched U-235. About 1 kg fissioned Yield equivalent to 15 - 20 kton TNT.

The exposion caused about 100 000 immediate deaths.



Nagasaki bomb "Fatman" Implosion type

6.4 kg of Pu-239.

Yield equivalent to 21 kton TNT.

About 40 000 immediate deaths.

Conventional explosives

Polonium-Beryllium initiator



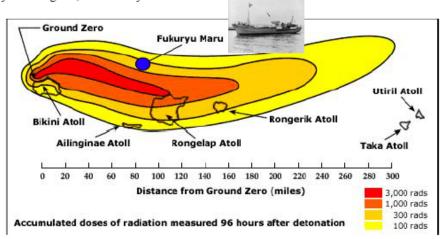
Nuclear weapon tests sites

The first nuclear bomb test took place near Almagordo in New Mexico (marked 9 in the map) in July of 1945. Since then, the United States, the Soviet Union, England, France, China, India, Pakistan and Korea have tested the weapons in the air, on the ground and underground. The map below shows most of the places used for these nuclear tests.



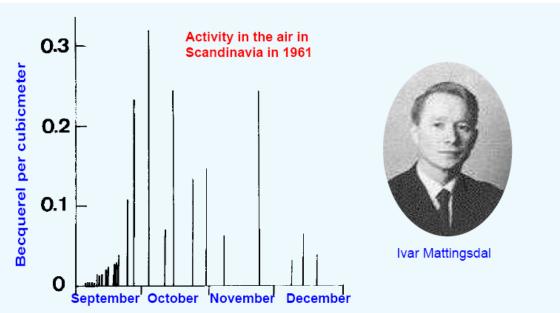
The following test sites are marked in the map: 1. Alaska (US) -- 3 Tests, 2. Johnston Island (US) -- 12 tests, 3. Christmas Island (UK & US) -- 30 tests, 4. Malden Island (UK) -- 3 tests, 5. Fangataufa Atoll (France) -- 12 tests, 6. Mururoa Atoll (France) -- 175 tests, 7. Nevada (US) -- 935 tests, 8. Colorado (US) -- 2 tests, 9. New Mexico (US) -- 2 tests, 10. Mississippi (US) -- 2 tests, 11. South Atlantic Ocean (US) -- 12 tests, 12. Algeria (France) -- 17 tests, 13. Russia (USSR) -- 214 tests (many at Novaya and Zemlya), 14. Ukraine (USSR) -- 2 tests, 15. Kazakhstan (USSR) -- 496 tests, 16. Uzbekistan (USSR) -- 2 tests, 17. Turkmenistan (USSR) -- 1 test, 18. Pakistan (Pakistan) -- 2 tests, 19. India (India) -- 4 tests, 20. Lop Nur (China) -- 41 tests, 21. Marshall Islands (US) -- 66 tests, 22. Australia (UK) -- 12 tests

A couple of hours after the blast, the instruments on the American weather station on Rongerik island (about 212 km away) indicated a high radiation level and the crew was evacuated the day after. Evacuations of the 154 Marshallese Islanders only 160 km from the shot did not begin until the morning of 3 March. The islanders received a whole-body radiation doses of about 1.7 Gy on Rongelap, 0.7 Gy on Ailinginae, and 0.14 Gy on Utirik.



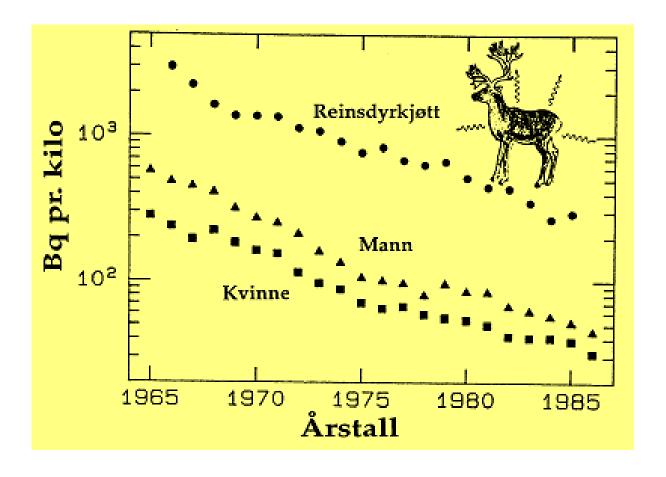
Above is a dosemap that gives the accumulated dose 4 days after detonation. If you stayed outside during the 4 days you would attain that dose. The dose is given in rads – and remember that 1 Gy = 100 rads. The position of Fukuru Maru at the blast is indicated.

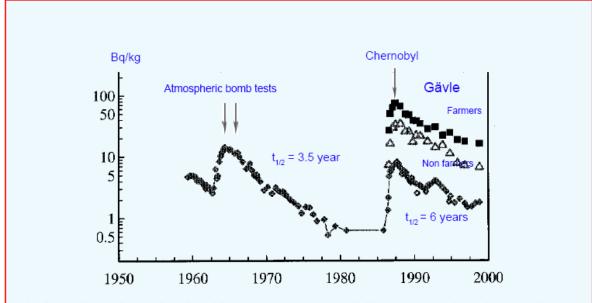
Because the fallout for these islands was so large, the inhabitants were not allowed to live there for 3 years. A lot of work has been done with cleaning up the islands – and they were declared safe for habitation in 1980.



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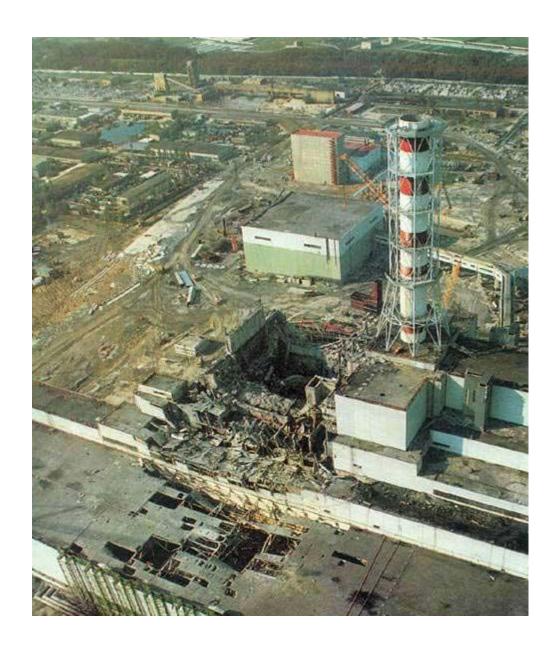
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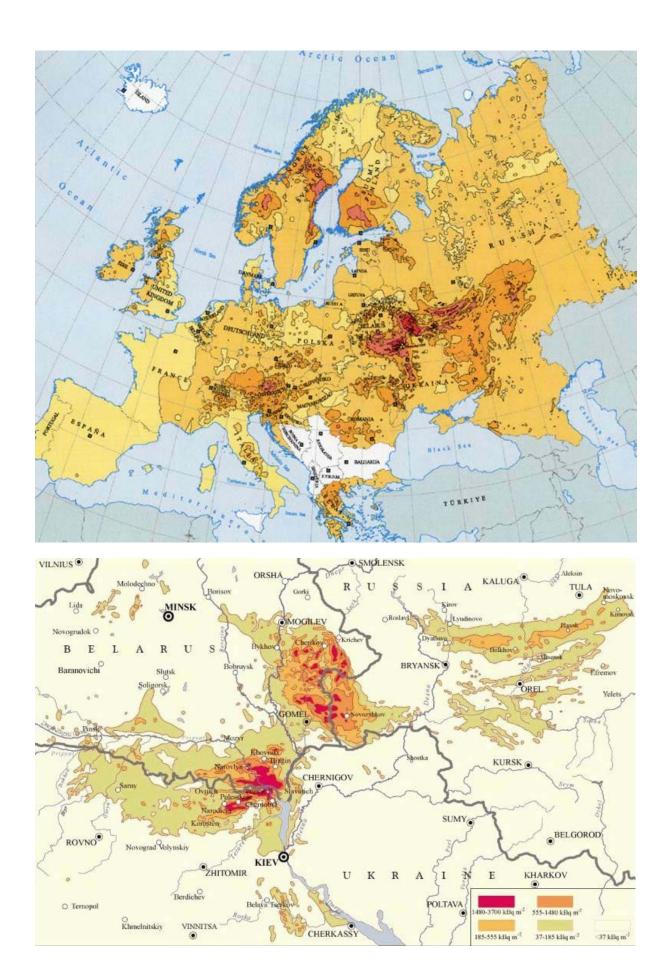


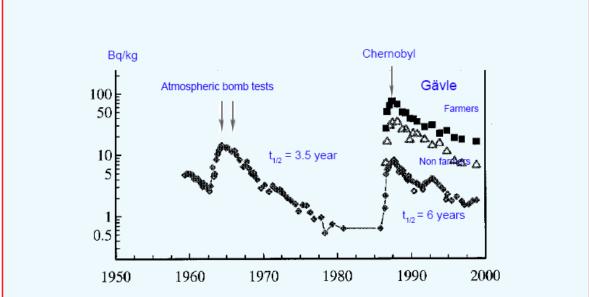
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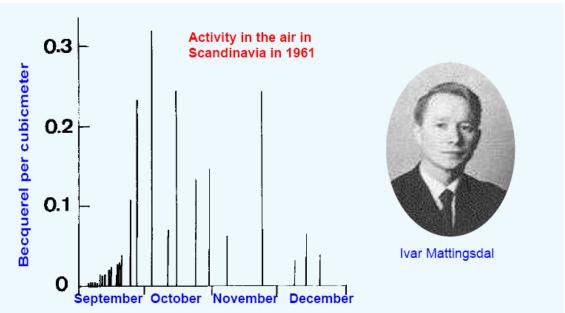






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