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Guardian: British press reports claim that a volume of highly corrosive nitric acid - based radioactive liquid large enough to fill a large public swimming pool has leaked from the UK's reprocessing plant at Sellafield. It is reported to contain 20 tonnes of uranium and plutonium from spent fuel rods, including 200 kilograms of plutonium.

www.guardian.co.uk/nuclear/article/0,2763,1479527,00.html Depending on the isotopic composition of the plutonium, this amount could make up to 40 low - yield nuclear weapons. The best complete report of the incident and its political context may be found at: