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CUBA BUILDING FIRST PRESS FOR RADIOACTIVE WASTE:
HAVANA, JUNE 18, REUTER --CUBA IS BUILDING ITS FIRST PRESS FOR SOLID/RADIACTIVE WASTEWHICH IS PUT IN TANKS AND THEN BURIED, GRANMA REPORTED TODAY.

"AT PRESENT, THE TANKS ARE TAKEN TO A SO-CALLED REGIONAL CEMETARY TO PREVENT CONTAMINATION," THE NEWSPAPER SAID. IT ADDED, "WHEN THE WASTE IS COMPRESSED, BETTER ADVANTAGE WILL BE TAKEN OF THE CAPACITY OF THE TANKS AND THE SITES WHERE THEY ARE BURIED.

THE ARTICLE DID NOT GIVE DETAILS ON THE SOURCE OF THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE THAT WAS BEING BURIED.

IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE MAGAZINE "CUBA", DR. FIDEL CASTRO BALART, HEAD OF THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1980 STATED THAT THE ISLAND IS WORKING IN FIVE DIRECTIONS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD: ELECTRICAL ENERGY, BASIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH, APPLICATION TO MEDICINE, FOOD PRESERVATION AND OTHER FIELDS, CREATION OF A SYSTEM OF RADILOGICAL PROTECTION AND THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL.

CUBA'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WHICH IS BEING BUILT ON THE SOUTHERN COAST OF CENTRAL CUBA IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN PRODUCING ELECTRICAL ENERGY IN THE EARLY 1990'S WHEN ONE OF ITS FOUR 440 MEGAWATT RACTERS GOES INTO OPERATION, CUBA HAS PLANS TO BUILD TWO OTHER SOVIET-DESIGNED NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN THE FUTURE.
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