Access to “untouchable” information: is it possible?

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"Untouchable" information

Plans of the nuclear industry: without public discussion, referendum...

- Plans for the transportation of nuclear waste from Armenia to Russia through Georgia
- Construction of nuclear power plants in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, etc.
Chernobyl is not a HBO's show

“Untouchability”, classified information - the main outstanding lesson of Chernobyl

- Fukushima
- Ruthenium from Russia
- The explosion in Severodvinsk
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Limited access to information in countries with economies in transition and developing countries

- No laboratory facilities, research funds
- Information is distributed between various departments: interdepartmental, interdisciplinary
Main points

- Access to "closed" information about the plans and activities of big corporations (nuclear particularly). Where is the line between «state secrets», «commercial secrets» and information on the environmental hazard?

- Access for to comprehensive data and information (interagency studies).