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The report updates the new health evidence which has been published in peer-reviewed journals during the 10 year period 2006-2016. In a nutshell, the report finds : 5 million people in Belarus, Ukraine and Russia still live in highly contaminated areas ; 400 million people in less contaminated areas ; 37% of Chernobyl's fallout deposited on western Europe ; 42% of western Europe contaminated ; 40,000 fatal cancers predicted ; 6,000 thyroid cancer cases to date, 16,000 more expected ; increased radiogenic thyroid cancers now seen in Austria ; increased radiogenic leukemia, cardiovascular disease, breast cancers confirmed ; new evidence of radiogenic birth defects, mental health effects and diabetes ; new evidence that children in contaminated areas suffer radiogenic illnesses