



RESIDUAL RISK, OR THE ARROGANCE OF POWER

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SYNOPSIS

Behind the barbed wire of the security area at Wackersdorf, Bavaria, building work for the planned plutonium reprocessing plant is in full swing. The facility will soon be ready to start reprocessing spent nuclear fuel. Meanwhile, the Bavarian Ministry for the Environment, the authority responsible for the project, announces a public meeting in Neunburg vorm Wald to discuss the final seal of approval for the plant. The 881,000 people who have submitted written protests are invited to a small hall in this remote village (population: 8,000). Seated on a raised platform are the men from the government licensing authority. To their right are the men from the company operating the plant; to their left, the men from the Board for Technical Inspection and other independent experts. Guards are on hand to protect these men from the people in the crowded hall. This film documents the way in which this show of democracy provides cover as the last remnants of true democracy are swept away...

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