

Radiation Spreads to France

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I reported yesterday that a blanket of radioactive iodine – indicating a new nuclear release – has hit [Germany, Russia, Sweden, Denmark, Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia](#).

Today, Agence France Presse reports that it has hit [France](#) as well:

France's nuclear watchdog on Tuesday said it had detected traces of radioactive iodine in the air last week

Concentrations of iodine 131 measuring a few microbecquerels per cubic metre were detected last week at four monitoring stations in northern and eastern France, the Institute for Radiological Protection and Nuclear Safety (IRSN) said.

"Although the presence of iodine 131 over national territory is quite exceptional... the level of concentrations that have been observed are of no risk for public health," it said in a press release.

"The source and date of the radioactive emissions which caused this pollution are currently unknown," the IRSN said.

Iodine is a very short-lived isotope that decays to half of its radioactivity in only eight days.

As I noted yesterday, [mainstream authorities are saying – without proof – that it can't be from Fukushima](#).

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