

# Chernobyl Probe Ditched

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PARIS — A Paris court on Wednesday dropped a long-running investigation into whether the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident caused health problems in France.

Researchers and cancer victims accuse the government of intentionally downplaying the risks of the radioactive cloud that the accident in Ukraine spewed over much of Europe, in part to protect France's powerful nuclear industry.

The then-chief of France's radiation safety agency, Pierre Pellerin, had faced preliminary charges in the case for "aggravated deception."

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