
UK TO RETAKE DIRECT CONTROL OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS SITE

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The UK government will resume "direct control of a state-owned nuclear weapons facility from late 2021, services giant Serco said on Monday.

The Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) facility at Aldermaston, 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of London, is responsible for maintaining the Trident nuclear warheads, designing new weapons, dismantling redundant warheads and working towards arms limitation treaties.

Separately, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said Monday AWE plc would become an "Arms-Length Body, wholly owned by the MoD" following an "in-depth review."

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