

(2023 February 14) Doomsday projects, succession theory, RAND, sacrifice zones, biomagnification, disturbance ecology plus Atomic Vets Videos (Aeon)

"In 1965 . . . Howard T Odum and his collaborators irradiated two hectares of Luquillo's rainforests with 10,000 curies of caesium-137. . . .

Between 1945 and 1962, the US detonated approximately 300 nuclear weapons. These nuclear bombs transformed the physical and biological environments of the colonised Marshall Islands and the US southwest. . . .

Between 1946 and 1958, the US detonated the equivalent of 7,000 Hiroshima bombs in the Marshall Islands. As of 2022, refugees from Bikini and Rongelap atolls are still unable to return home safely. . . .

the government 'sought to make mass death an intimate psychological experience while simultaneously claiming that thermonuclear war could be planned for alongside tornados, floods, and traffic accidents' . . . .

at the Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island. In 1962, ecologists exposed a former agricultural field and an oak-pine forest to continuous gamma radiation from caesium-137 and cobalt-60 point-sources for five months. . . . The radioactive deer that today roam Long Island are not the only legacy of this experiment. . . . the experiment, which ran intermittently until 1978. . . .

As the Miami poet and Dominican immigrant Mario Alejandro Ariza writes in Disposable City (2020), the climate change resilience movement's 'suggestion of rugged self-reliance lies at the heart of North American neoliberalism and its correspondingly brutal moral order'

. . . . To celebrate resilience is to imagine a future of perpetual harm."

- Laura J. Martin

<https://aeon.co/essays/how-atomic-doomsday-experiments-shaped-disturbance-ecology>

Videos embedded in the article:

Civil Defense: Surviving an Atomic Attack

<https://youtu.be/qbBu6cWczTY>

Atomic Soldiers: Op-Doc

<https://youtu.be/qbBu6cWczTY>

Atomic Vets: Retro Report

[https://youtu.be/Dprj\\_BKkaX8](https://youtu.be/Dprj_BKkaX8)

