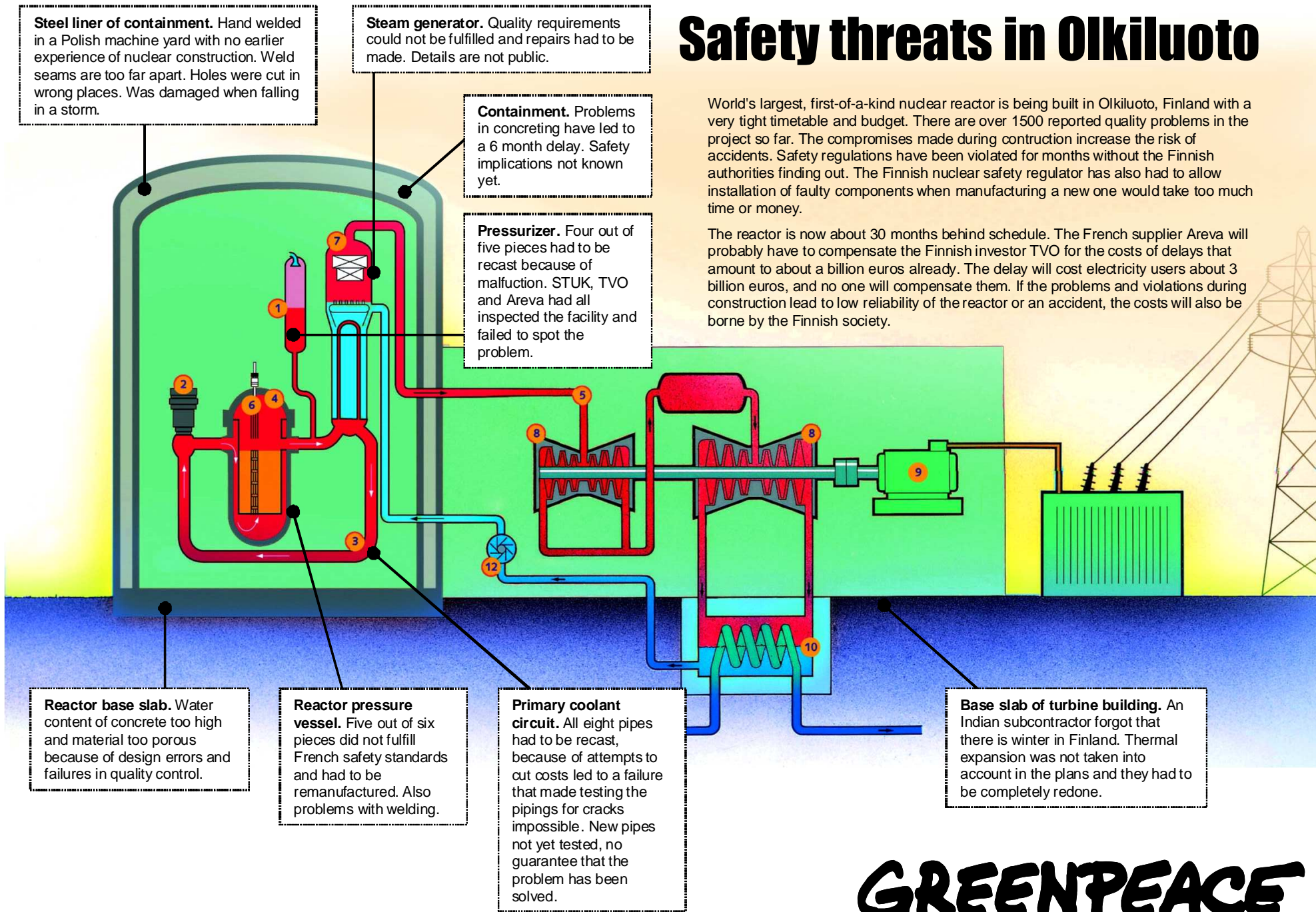


# Safety threats in Olkiluoto

World's largest, first-of-a-kind nuclear reactor is being built in Olkiluoto, Finland with a very tight timetable and budget. There are over 1500 reported quality problems in the project so far. The compromises made during construction increase the risk of accidents. Safety regulations have been violated for months without the Finnish authorities finding out. The Finnish nuclear safety regulator has also had to allow installation of faulty components when manufacturing a new one would take too much time or money.

The reactor is now about 30 months behind schedule. The French supplier Areva will probably have to compensate the Finnish investor TVO for the costs of delays that amount to about a billion euros already. The delay will cost electricity users about 3 billion euros, and no one will compensate them. If the problems and violations during construction lead to low reliability of the reactor or an accident, the costs will also be borne by the Finnish society.



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