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A brief comment. I have noted that submissions made to the NWMO question the validity of assumptions re. safe level of radiation exposure as are stated by the nuclear industry. This is a controversial topic which must be dealt with objectively-a least let the public hear both sides of the debate. The nuke industry has lots of paid experts in their stable who spin the pro-nuke story. Pardon me if I sound facetious but did the NWMO really commission a health physicist employed at a CANDU to submit the only paper on health risks? The NWMO disclaimer is real cute too. As for stories, I especially like the story how people living near Chernobyl didn't get sick from the reactor going up in smoke, but got sick because they worried about getting sick because they were told by misinformed officials (who weren't pro nuke experts) that radiation exposure can make people sick. The cause of some 2000 thyroid cancers was all in peoples heads. How silly of them. The pro-nuke paid experts tell us that low doses of radiation are good for us. I can't wait till Kellogg's starts adding radioactive isotopes to cornflakes. These would make a great background papers for the NWMO like the others the NWMO has commissioned. Are the guys writing this stuff from a mine in Flin Flon? They may be writing the truth but no one will ever believe it. Don't the pro-nukes understand this? People don't want to hear the truth so tell them a lie like radiation can be harmful but the risk is very small when compared to other industrial activities. Burning coal kills more people. People would be more likely to believe such a lie and would trust the nuke industry more and even want more nuke plants built because nuke power is still safer than fossil fuel generated power.

If a reactor can blow up and spread radiation over an entire continent and NO ONE WILL SUFFER ANY adverse health effects then we in Canada are spending needless effort and money on safety design and regulations and studies like this by the NWMO. Let's just dump all the waste fuel into the bottom of Lake Superior and forget about this study.

Regards  
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