

ATIKOKAN CITIZENS FOR NUCLEAR RESPONSIBILITY

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Dear MS Dowdeswell,

Another dialogue session with mwmo is not going to be a productive use of anyone's time.

Mwno has already made up their collective mind about what to do with nuclear waste. It is a solution worthy of Karl Rove when he manipulates the facts to come to false conclusions.

Mwno recommending ALL THREE of the possible nuclear waste scenarios takes the cake! Store the waste at the reactor sites, then ship them to a central storage site, then place them deep in the Canadian shield! The worst of all three solutions and mwno wants to do all three!

As I mentioned at the meeting here in Thunder Bay, appointing the manufactures of nuclear waste (your mwno) as the guardian of nuclear waste is like putting the fox in charge of the hen house! There can be no credibility accruing to a group that is not free to call a halt to the production of waste from nuclear power when the producers are in control. Sorry, but true.

Nuclear electric production has been a monumental waste of time, engineering, money and land in Canada. The electricity produced is NOT CHEAP, as your backing producers advertise daily on television, nor is it

clean, nor are the organizations promoting it trustworthy. As far as clean, take stock of the still populated small towns in Saskatchewan that are still awash in dangerously radioactive mine tailings.

When I mean trustworthy, think of Ontario Hydro as example. Ontario Hydro and their newly named changed buddy sell tritium byproduct to the United States in order to free up US tritium to make nuclear bomb triggers.

Can one of the organizations willing to help Romania build a CANDU reactor with slave labour be trusted to call a halt to nuclear power production because there is no proven way to dispose of the waste they produce? The obvious answer, rhetorical or not, is NO! When you think of untrustworthy, think of Atomic Energy of Canada when they were so happy to sell a CANDU reactor to India, knowing full well that they would use the used reactor fuel to produce material for India's nuclear bomb. When thinking untrustworthy, consider the time when A.E.C.L. was perfectly happy to have their salesmen bribe the Argentine Generals to choose CANDU reactors over US or German reactors.

Unless there is a commission set up that has the ability to call a halt to nuclear power production until there is a proven method of disposing of the waste, no credence will be given. There can accrue no credibility to an organization consisting of the organisations that have a vested interest in nuclear electric generation when dealing with nuclear waste.

It may very well turn out that disposing of the nuclear waste safely could turn out to be more expensive than the resources we have diverted into producing and promoting nuclear power. This is an accounting area that must be explored by any commission attempting to deal with the expensive question of what to do with the waste your so called "stakeholders" have created and intend on continuing to create.

One more point before I return to less important work: Most of the communities in the North West of Ontario are not connected to the nuclear power system. This is amply demonstrated by the lack of an effective

interconnection to the East of Ontario. In the East of Ontario are the jobs at A.E.C.L. and the Power Generation company and the uranium mines. When the last large blackout knocked the power out in Ontario, the lights didn't even blink here in NW Ontario because we are not really interconnected.

My point is, we of the NW help pay for the exorbitant costs of nuclear power production on our monthly hydro bills, but we do not benefit. Therefore, do not us to welcome the waste that the NW does not profit from, but only helps pay for. If you are looking for Canadian Shield to burry nuclear waste, look no further than Toronto or Ottawa, not here.

Until the creation of an entirely independent panel or commission or organization, any talk of disposing of the nuclear electric waste must remain moot.

Sincerely,

Richard Hiner