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For the forty years I have followed radioactive waste issues I have become increasingly convinced that we are leaving our children a nightmare. There is no geologic formation which does not connect with aquifers. As we lose water quality in multiple ways, radioactivity stands out as a serious concern. The idea that we will be saved by the diffusion of substances to lower concentrations is belied by the fact of the relatively low volume of the thin layer of the earth we call the biosphere. This is where almost all known life exists. Isotopes mimic the elements our bodies take into our bones and our sexual organs and cause leukemia, cancer and mutation as they decay. These invisible and deniable phenomenon are known to send alpha particles and gamma rays ripping through the DNA of our cells.

If General Electric were denied such a large share of our media through control of NBC and if Westinghouse, the other end of a nuclear plant from GE, didn't own such a large media network, I feel that congress and the public would not consider anything short of phasing out nuclear fission.

Thanks for your attention,

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