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Since the beginning of the Nuclear Age, I have been an observer, a participant, and a victim. Yes, I'm "that old" and speaking for a younger generation that has no reference coming out of the "secret industry".

As observer, I watched the prospecting for uranium; the building of the AEC plant in Grand Junction; and the clean up when waste material was used for housing construction.

As participant, my husband worked for uranium pilot plants exploring the best methods of extracting uranium from the various types of ore found on the Colorado Plateau.

As victim, my home of 47 years was contaminated with airborne uranium from the Cotter mill; my well contaminated with waterborn uranium from the Cotter mill; and my husband died of radiation induced non-hodgkins lymphoma as proven by the uranium content in the cancerous tissue. The industry does not intend to clean up the contamination but only to continue contaminating.

While I recognize the scientific and financial benefits of nuclear development, I've seen the damage from indiscriminate management: wealth compared to devastation; warmth compared to a contaminated environment; economical power for a few compared to waste clean-up costs carried by all.

It is my considered impression that the Nuclear Industry is **incapable** of producing a benefit that outweighs the damage done to the environment and to our civilization.

Do not grant pre-licensing authority. As a nation, we cannot afford it.

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