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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Re: Docket No. 70-7015

Dear Commissioners:

In February 2008, we pleaded with Idaho legislators and local politicians to NOT provide tax incentives and give-aways to Areva - to NOT encourage a reprocessing plant in Eastern Idaho.

We asked that each politician and political entity study the problems - contamination of air, sea, groundwater - being experienced in and surrounding France resulting from the Areva plants in that country.*

Our objections are based upon:

- (1) All profits go to France, not to the U.S. Why should U.S. sell its resources (land, etc.) to foreign countries?
- (2) Costly overruns and delays are occurring in France, Poland, and other locations where Areva is trying to build. The host country ends up paying for most of those overruns.*
- (3) Viable alternatives to nuclear power production exist - alternatives that are less costly, safer, renewable, and that are already in production in this area. They do not pollute air or water. They do not produce waste that is dangerous for hundreds of thousands of years. They do not require money to secure those wastes. Idaho is one of the most windy states in the Union. Already, corporations based in other states are paying for wind-generated energy from turbines in this area. Idaho is in the top states for solar resources. Neither wind nor solar energy require massive government subsidies to exist. On the other hand, no existing insurancery in the U.S. will insure the construction or operation of a nuclear plant. Approximately 80 percent of those costs are the burden of U.S. taxpayers.
- (4) A product of processing spent fuels is plutonium which cannot be used in reactors. It is the main ingredient in nuclear weapons, and much sought after by those seeking to produce such devices. Areva plants are vulnerable to criminal attacks.
- (5) Southern Idaho's cities and towns and all of its agriculture depend on water from the Snake River (and tributaries) and the Snake River plane aquifer. Is it worth the risk of contamination by a company with a spotty environmental history? We think not. Any

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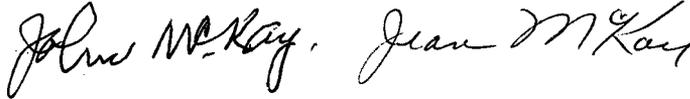
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contamination leaking into the ground water would be a disaster for Idaho. In addition, Eastern Idaho is a desert. All the available water is already allocated.

We believe Areva's all-expenses-paid, week-long journey to France, taken, inappropriately in our opinion, by our mayor and a group of school children was a form of bribe. Why does Areva resort to that type of action if its plan is worthy by itself?

Please, for the public good, deny this application by the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility promoters and Areva.

Yours truly,

Handwritten signatures of John McKay and Jean McKay in cursive script.

Jean and John McKay, 335 Westmoreland Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

* Beyond Nuclear and its fact sheets- "Nuclear Power and France: Debunking the Myths" and "Nuclear Power in France: Setting the Record Straight" (linda@beyondnuclear.org)

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