

EagleRockCEM Resource

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Dear Folks

I am not a scientist, but a concerned citizen who attended the EIS meeting on August 14, 2010 in Idaho Falls, ID, regarding the Eagle Rock Areva enrichment plant. Please accept this email as my commentary on the project. Although the main focus of the EIS draft seems to address the construction impact, the real question is should the facility be constructed at all?

1. Water

Water is a resource in scarce supply in the West. The Snake River aquifer is a huge water source for now and the future in not only the State of Idaho but also the entire West. While several scientists at the meeting denied the potential threat to this water source by the Areva project--they are not employed by Areva so whatever expertise they have is a moot point. What matters is Areva's history of leaks and pollution overseas as well as the fact that this plant would sit atop this magnificent aquifer.

2. Human Folly

While we spend billions of dollars searching for water in outer space on various planets, we are hard at work on Earth poisoning our own water supplies, not to mention the air as well. Not only does this enrichment plant appear to unnecessary, it seems to represent human folly at its best.

3. Jobs

They say the project will create jobs. Well, what might be lacking are creative entrepreneurs who can help the Idaho Falls job market as my husband and I did when we moved a fly line company to the city in the late 1990s. Idaho Falls has the potential to be a major center for green energy products and projects.

I have heard that most of the supposed 1000 jobs will actually be for people who are brought in to work on the project whose qualifications meet the unique technical level of skill needed. Also, I truly believe property values will be damaged by the presence of this facility as will the influx of new business. Who in their right mind would come to a city that has a nuclear facility eighteen miles to the West at the foot of one of the most active seismic areas in the country? Especially a facility that is owned and managed by a company that has a history of problems?

The idea that this will boost the economy of Idaho is short sighted.

Affected could be the lives of the future citizens in Idaho and the West.

I strongly suggest that the Areva enrichment plant be denied a license.

Idaho Falls needs to develop other avenues to enhance its economy, in ways that do not threaten the people who live there for hundreds of years to come as well as a major water source of the western United States.

Best regards,

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