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Hello,

I attended the subject meeting and have just a couple of remarks, below.

Regarding my background: I used to work within the INL site, for the Naval Reactors Facility (NRF), as a nuclear criticality safety engineer. Then I worked for the NRC at Region II as a Fuel Facilities Inspector. (So if I were still at Region II, I guess I would be inspecting this plant. However, I am "retired", and loving every minute of it.)

Comment 1: At the subject meeting some attendees commented that the NRC giving AREVA a "preconstruction exemption" constituted a bias toward ultimate license approval. I totally agree. As paranoid as the NRC *was* regarding "appearances" (as I saw it when I was with Region II) I can't believe you guys got away with that one.

Comment 2a: Many attendees expressed concern regarding contamination, especially depleted uranium, getting into the Snake River Aquifer; *that*, by far, seemed to be the biggest concern, and rightfully so. Does AREVA's Integrated Safety Assessment address ALL CREDIBLE accident scenarios whereby depleted uranium (or other contamination) could get into the Snake River Aquifer? Are the "probabilities" of all such scenarios deemed at least "highly unlikely", or otherwise meet the requirements of 10 CFR 70? If so, or if not, this should be loudly and clearly "called out" in the Draft EIS.

Comment 2b: Regardless of releases to the environment that are within legal release limits, watch out for this contamination *accumulating* somewhere. Once, a sewage treatment plant near Nuclear Fuel Services (Erwin, TN) had accumulated a sufficient amount of HIGH enriched uranium to warrant an HEU license, and the NRC actually considered licensing that sewage treatment plant as an option!

Comment 3: This was a meeting on the Draft EIS, ...the Draft EIS. I think ALL of the attendees who commented in favor of this facility (perhaps in particular the "dignitaries" or their representatives who commented) spoke from the standpoint of the potential *economic benefits* of this plant to the area. Those comments were "off subject" and therefore distracting and very inappropriate. I suppose this was a forum where anyone is free to say mostly anything, but that IS a serious distraction and therefore a problem.

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