

RAS #RR-105

Docket, Hearing

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Subject: NRC: No Need For Areva

Dear Atomic Safety and Licensing Board,

Idaho has struggled for decades to clean up the messes left behind by mining companies, agribusinesses, and nuclear waste. It would be insanity of the most dangerous kind to allow the hazards and endless toxins and endless expense to deal with a mess situated essentially on top of our water supply. Water - sacred and essential - the life-giving resource which corporate execs. don't seem to reverence. The answer to this AREVA proposal MUST BE NO!

NRC regulations for the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) require the NRC to prepare a supplemental EIS in the event of "changed circumstances bearing on environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed action or its impacts." See 10 CFR 51.92(a). Three worldwide trends have combined to create just such changed circumstances with respect to the need for the proposed Areva uranium enrichment facility: a significant depression in the uranium market following the nuclear crisis in Japan, greatly increased cost estimates for new reactors, and a markedly reduced pace of new nuclear project construction. In light of these trends, the EIS' assertion that there is a need for the proposed Areva uranium enrichment factory - i.e., that its environmental impacts are justified -- is not supportable. Therefore, as required by 10 C.F.R. 51.92(f)(1), the NRC must revise the EIS and publish it in draft for public comment. If the EIS is not revised and re-published, the application must be rejected

Thank you,

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