

RAS #RR-163

Docket, Hearing

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Subject: NRC No Need For Areva

Dear Atomic Safety and Licensing Board,

When I was a kid, nuclear power was supposed to be so cheap it wouldn't have to be metered. In middle age nuclear power was so expensive we couldn't afford it and in old age, there's no safety from nuclear waste.

Anyway, first clean up the nuclear waste already generated before permitting any additional use of nuclear power including enrichment facilities.

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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