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Docket, Hearing

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Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 1:15 PM  
To: Bollwerk, Paul  
Subject: NRC: No Need For Areva

Dear Atomic Safety and Licensing Board,

There is no need for the Areva plant in Idaho. The world has more than an adequate supply of facilities to provide enriched uranium. Another facility is not needed. Idaho is not a logical choice for a plant, even if one was needed. A French company is coming to the inland Northwest of the United States to process uranium that has been transported from all around the world. And then the finished product is shipped back out around the world again. There is no value for Idaho or the United States. Areva does not have a good safety record. All the safeguards in the world will not prevent Areva from creating an environmental disaster and then leaving the country for us to live with and clean up.

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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