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Thoughts on the October 30, 2013 meeting at Tarrytown

The knowledge about the dangers of nuclear waste was available in the nineteen-forties. Back then the science teacher in Highland NY High School, John Gaffney, described how cancer was caused by nuclear radiation. Energy companies wanted to build a nuclear power plant on Black Creek near Highland NY, but the high school science teacher convinced the local population that it was too dangerous for the area, because of the radiation. So the energy companies went down the Hudson to Peekskill whose science teacher was not quite so astute (or perhaps he wasn't listened to). Those board members and officials in Peekskill were more influenced by money and promises, so today we can see what the nuclear waste problem truly is.

Other people with dollar signs in their eyes discovered that you could turn nuclear waste into depleted uranium and make it into weapons and use it in Iraq. The children in Iraq suffer from the lack of vision of those who would push nuclear energy as safe environmentally. How could any humane and ethical person make weapons to destroy children (or anybody else)?

SUGGESTION: Some have suggested that USA could put the waste back where they took the uranium out. I don't think we should, but the US government could do a health study on how local populations and miners are affected by the mining of uranium. Perhaps such a study would be exploiting the Native Americans again, with the profit going to the corporations. But such a study might emphasize the problems with nuclear waste.

Sincerely,

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