

Muncy School District **POOR ORIGINAL**

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish I had asked the gentleman's name who I talked to at approximately 9:30AM last Saturday morning.

I asked questions about that possible meltdown last March at 3MI and the release of 53,000 cc of gas during the next 60 days. (I guess I'd better say possibly)

I also said that if there is anything I can do to help the public change its mind about radiation, etc. I am more than willing to do it.

I have been teaching a course over the years called Facts and Fallacies of Radiation. Williamsport's channel 8 televised it two years ago when I was teaching in that city for a day.

I contaminate candy bars with Uyrnal Nitrate and de-contaminate them and eat them. I "shoot" beta and gamma rays through water and drink that. I use various half-thicknesses to let my class hear the reduction in sound at the radiation passes through dense materials.

It is a fast moving 45 to 60 minute class and answers virtually every question a person may ask about radiation. There is one that I can't answer and that involves the long term affects of low level radiation.

I have been exposed to low level radiation since 1955 when I began using the Nitrate and in the early 60's when the AEC licensed me to handle CoBalt 60. As I told you on the phone, that I respect radiation highly but do not fear it."

In closing if there is anything I can do to help the NRC in anyway please let me know. I have a few emergency days at school and I would sure like to see 3MI up close sometime.

I was going to send you a copy of my lesson plans for the course but our copying machine is broken.

Respectfully yours,

William H. Bird, (retired)  
radiation officer for the  
County of Lycoming

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