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NUCLEAR "CONFIDENCE" MEETING-Chelmsford, MA 10/28/13

Basically, the meeting was to show what the NRC has in mind regarding storage of nuclear energy waste on site. A "draft" booklet (GEIS) was handed out for the purpose of gaining public opinion before the NRC establishes a "rule" or "rules" about it. Generally, they want to know if the public would feel "confident" (safe) continuing to store nuclear lethal waste (spent rods) in either water pools, or in the recently created dry casks for periods of : 1) "Short" term-approx. 60 years, or 2) "long" term-about 120 years--until an envisioned US repository is made available, or, 3) indefinitely because no repository is or will be made available. All three "options" boil down to storage in on-site in un-time-tested dry casks.

The NRC public meeting had to take place to affirmatively respond, to a NUREG-2157 requirement. The meeting and the literature presented was an attempt to cajole the public into agreeing that they felt confident in dry cask storage. Your report to NUREG should show that about 90%, of the attendees expressed "NO CONFIDENCE" in the NRC's draft.

I believe the NRC knows beforehand that their meetings will be attended mostly by persons or groups that oppose nuclear power. Most comments during the Chelmsford meeting were not focused on just the subject of storage confidence. They feel, as I do, that shutting the plants down is the only option. No plant, no additional lethal waste to have to deal with. Enough is enough! Nuclear for electricity has been tried but it is now evident that it is a "dead end street." To continue shows shameful lack of consideration to future generations. It's bad enough as things are today without making it worse by continuing.

Do pro nuclear individuals fail to see that if we have so many problems that have to be resolved presently, it can only get worse by continuing? Stop now. Be an example to the world. Haven't they read about Fukushima?

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