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General Comment

It has become obvious that there is a concerted effort by the nuclear industry to do what the tobacco and fossil fuel industries have done-- to use pseudo-science to discredit real evidence of harm and danger to human beings and other inhabitants of the planet.

"There seems to be a never-ending cabal of paid industry scientific consultants who are more than willing to state the fringe view that low doses of ionising radiation do not cause cancer and, indeed, that low doses are actually good for you and lessen the incidence of cancer, observes Australian Dr. Peter Karamoskos, a nuclear radiologist and a public representative on the radiation health committee of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency in a prescient 2011 article. He goes on, Ionising radiation is a known carcinogen. This is based on almost 100 years of cumulative research including 60 years of follow-up of the Japanese atom bomb survivors. The International Agency for Research in Cancer (IARC, linked to the World Health Organisation) classifies it as a Class 1 carcinogen, the highest classification indicative of certainty of its carcinogenic effects.

The public must not be controlled by corporate interests at our (and future generations') expense. We must work to disconnect from nuclear use and storage of its waste. There is no credible argument to do otherwise. We now know that we do not need nuclear energy to meet our needs.