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## General Comment

I don't normally comment on other person's opinions, but this one quite inflamed me. The comment #36 (anonymous individual on FR Doc # 2015-15441 dealing with NRC-2015-0057-0049) tried to link Bura Bura Disease, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, & Radiation Fatigue together. This is flat out wrong, & only underscores the misunderstandings of the medical community in dealing with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis. I know this as I have a family member with M.E. - not CFS!

I've pasted a brief explanation as the next paragraph.

A diagnosis of CFS based on these or any of the other CFS definitions can only ever be a misdiagnosis. As Professor Malcolm Hooper explains, As a basis for sound scientific research, [CFS] has been a disaster. (2001, [Online]) Today there are more than nine different CFS definitions. Just like the original definition of CFS produced in 1988 however, none of these definitions defines any distinct illness, including Myalgic Encephalomyelitis. (Hyde 2006, [Online]) All each of these flawed definitions define is a heterogeneous (mixed) population of people with various misdiagnosed psychiatric and miscellaneous non-psychiatric states which have little in common but the symptom of fatigue. (Hooper et al 2001, [Online]) (Dowsett 2001b, [Online]) This is why being diagnosed with any of the definitions of CFS is not a useful or meaningful diagnosis and why a diagnosis of CFS should never be accepted by doctor or by patient as an end point of the process of diagnosis. [www.hfme.org/misdiagnosis.htm](http://www.hfme.org/misdiagnosis.htm)

I make this comment only so that the NRC staff may realize that comment #36 by anonymous is a quack comment which will only be a waste of their time.

Respectfully,  
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