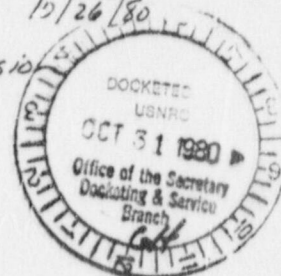


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Secretary — Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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It has come to my attention that you are considering easing the rules regarding the dumping of 480,000 cubic feet of low level radioactive material.

The reported reasons for this course are given as:

- (1) Savings of 16 million dollars annually;
- (2) conservation of waste burial capacity that is in short supply;
- (3) the dosage per capita, of waste radioactivity is less than one millirem per year;
- (4) the waste material is mainly Hydrogen-3 and carbon-14, in quantities that do not pose an environmental danger.

But the savings of 16 million dollars means nothing when compared to the billions planned for MX. Conservation of waste burial supply in quasi-civilian nuclear research is petty when one considers the re-opening of nuclear weapons plants and the sale of nuclear materials to India. An average dosage per capita calculation ignores the fact that those nearest radioactive vents will receive higher exposure than those at greater distance. Hydrogen-3 and Carbon-14 are both essential Life elements: they both follow the Life process, through the food chain, and concentrate in Humans.

Although the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has failed to the extent that all milk available to American babies is contaminated with one carcinogen or another, it has not failed in its role as pusher for the military. Equal

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disrespect for both citizens and non-citizens rights to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness is the final position of a totalitarian despotism.

"Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established, should not be changed for light and transient causes .... But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government and to provide new ~~guards~~ guards to their future security." (From the Declaration of Independence).

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, its predecessor, and the organization of the United States Government, began a long chain of abuses and usurpations at the nuclear testing facilities in the State of Nevada. Federal policy has invariably pursued greater centralization of all powers. There is no doubting that the direction of the centralist is identical with that of the despot --- one step toward centralization, which is beyond that required for orderly governance, is one step toward totalitarianism. The security of our people has been reduced to the point where millions can die in a matter of minutes.

You, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, part and parcel of the United States Government, have shown great disregard for the Peoples, of all nations, who face the terrible alliance between the military establishments of the world. Your willingness to even discuss dosing our people with an additional one millirem of Hydrogen-3 and Carbon-14 places us all, once again, in the uncomfortable position of adversaries with our own government.

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There are small groups of people coming together all over this great nation in order to discuss the means of providing safeguards to future security. Maybe it's too late, no-one can tell. But one thing is for sure; you at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission have one option remaining: clean up the mess that already exists!

Signed,

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