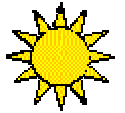


Initiative for the Immediate Phase-out of Nuclear Energy



Dear Mr. _____,

I wish to protest against the release of large amounts of radioactively contaminated materials from nuclear plants being dismantled into the environment and residential areas. The EU guideline limits exposure to 10 microsievert/year per person. With the release level set by you the effective cumulative exposure dose for individuals will already be reached with single nuclides, exceeding the intended 10 microsievert by a factor of 6,500. - You decided in the new Radiation Safety Law that tritium (H-3) can be released without limit as long as its specific activity remains just below one million Becquerel per litre (or four million per gallon). I protest against that and demand that the current H-3 content in ground water of 0.5 Becquerel per litre shall not be exceeded. - I demand an immediate stop to the disposal of radioactive residues on regular waste deposits and to the recycling of weakly radioactive scrap metal. Weakly radioactive substances must be stored in special containers. - I demand the increase to 1 millisievert for the permissible drainage of radioactive materials from nuclear plants into air and water be lowered to the old limit of 0.3 millisievert. - I object to the current and planned interim storage deposits near nuclear power plants due to the increase they cause in gamma and neutron radiation and the danger of possible terrorist attacks. - I demand the stop of the Castor transports because these transports constantly release radioactivity into the surroundings. - In addition, I demand the stop of reprocessing nuclear waste because nuclear waste reprocessing plants continuously release radioactivity. - The German Umweltministerium für Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit (Environmental Ministry for the Protection of Nature and Reactor Safety) informed us in Dr. Geigl's letter, dated 6.16.2000, that scientific literature now cites numerous findings regarding the mutation of normal cells into malignant cells caused by low intensity radiation. As early as 1972, the Canadian scientist Petkau established that chronic low intensity radiation causes damage to the cell membrane. Intact cell membranes are indispensable for a good immune system. Prof. Dr. John Gofmann who participated in the development of the atomic bomb, said: "Now that we know the dangers of weak radiation the crime we committed was no longer an experiment we made, but murder." (abbreviated quote) - According to the statistic of disease types compiled by the AOK West (General Local Health Insurance, West Germany) in 1995 cases of hospitalisation due to tumours have increased 65% between 1980 and 1995 and those due to dietary illnesses, metabolic diseases and disturbances of the immune system increased by about a third. - The right to life and to be free from bodily harm, article 2 of the German constitution, is being violated. I reserve the right to hold you responsible for any bodily and material damage caused to me by this violation. In your own interest and in the interest of all human beings I demand that you support the immediate intensified usage of renewable energy sources, their specific promotion and the immediate shut-down of all nuclear power plants. The fuel rods accumulating until then must be stored in the storage basins inside the plants.

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