

To Department of Energy: This letter tells it all. Eliminate the limit of liability in Price Anderson Act, then let free enterprise go to it. /s/ Glenn Sundstrom

Editor, Daily World:

In response to Aberdeen City Councilmen Bob Shortt and Jim Mitby's letter stating that "The Aberdeen City Council voted to endorse a study to determine the feasibility of completing the Satsop Nuclear Power Project through the Isaiah Project" ... "only a study to determine if the plant could be used in such a manner."

Why would Columbia Nuclear ask for such a study when they already know it is technically feasible? Why would they be running all over the Ukraine promoting Isaiah if they didn't know it was technically feasible?

Isaiah is technically feasible and the Columbia Consortium has presented this proposal to the City Council to obtain quasi-public legitimacy to the nuclear industry's violation of the natural law of Benefit/Risk.

Benefit/Risk is a natural law. All life revolves around what will be risked for what benefit? From this truism came the Free Enterprise System, i.e., we are free to produce a product, free to profit from that product, but we are at risk because we are responsible for that product. The nuclear industry denies their responsibility for their product.

In 1957 the giant industrials - General Electric, Westinghouse, Babcock/Wilcox, Newport News (yes, the same Newport News, a principal in Columbia Nuclear Corporation's Isaiah Project) formed a Lobby group called the "Atomic Industrial Forum" and proceeded to the United States Congress and stated that they wished to manufacture nuclear reactors, wished to profit from nuclear reactors, but did not want the responsibility of nuclear reactors. They asked for and received a grace period from risk for 10 years with the promise that they would not return for an extension of this grace period for they would prove the viability and insurability of this new industry. And so was born the Price Anderson Act. This Act of Congress stated that all owners, operators, contractors, sub-contractors, designers, builders of Nuclear Reactors shall have a limit of liability of 560 million dollars beyond which no one can sue for damages.

However, back they came in 1967 for another 10 years, increasing this limit to 600 million dollars.

Again in 1977, for another 10 year extension, upping the limit to 700 million.

And lastly 1987, another 10 years, along with a quantum jump to a 7 billion dollar limit, for in the interim the world experienced 3 Mile Island and Chernobyl.

The Free Enterprise System is the sole test for the viability of an industry or product in a free society. Price Anderson is an unwarranted government protection of the nuclear industry, an industry that should be capable of standing on its own after 37 years of protection under the Price Anderson Act. For

example, Johns Mannville and the asbestos industry would still be killing and maiming citizens if the asbestos industry had a Price Anderson Act. But they didn't, and it was finally judged in the courts (tort system) that the industry knew for years that they were harming people, which opened the flood gates of litigation and stopped the irresponsible mining and use of asbestos. The Benefit/Risk ratio eliminated a non-viable industry because the asbestos industry was unwilling to risk their net worth for limited benefits.

If Columbia Nuclear were operating under the Free Enterprise System they would not have to come to the Aberdeen City Council looking for endorsements. They would have simply proceeded with their endeavor full-well knowing their risks. But, as the proponents of the nuclear industry have admitted in this debate in Congress, without limit of liability they would neither be able to find financing or commit their resources to a risky venture.

I subject to you, Mr. Shortt and Mr. Mitby, you have possibly been used to promote the greed factor that always upsets the relationship between Benefit/Risk.

The Isaiah Project is a thinly veiled attempt, in the name of Humanitarianism, to obscure the true objective of the nuclear industry, i.e., to renew nationally, after almost 2 decades of dormancy, the continuing of building nuclear reactors without monetary or criminal risk to those corporate entities involved.

I respectfully ask that the Aberdeen City Council consider not to endorse the Isaiah Study until such time that the Limit of Liability clause in the Price Anderson Act is removed, at which time the risk will obviously not justify the gain.

Sincerely,

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P.S.

I am sending this certified return as I do not trust you!