



KIMO RESOLUTION 5/95 (amended 96)

DOUNREAY NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT

The Dounreay Nuclear Reprocessing Plant and operators AEA Technology continue to cause grave concern due to the frequency and nature of release of radioactive material to the wider environment.

These include: -

- * illegal discharges from the site of radioactive Nitric Acid into the Pentland Firth
- * foreshore contamination by radioactive particles, and the uncertainty over their source, or sources, and pathway to the beach
- * contamination of several sites, some out with the perimeter of the site
- * contamination around a shaft used inappropriately for the disposal for Intermediate Level Waste, possibly arising from an explosion in the shaft in 1977, the resulting legacy being hazardous excavation and remedial work.

Questions over the integrity and methods of AEA Technology have also been raised by the Government's Radioactive Waste Management Advisory Committee (RWMAC) and the Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (COMARE) further undermining confidence in the operators.

Against this background, the prospects for reopening the Materials Testing Reactor Reprocessing Plant for reprocessing weapons grade spent fuel of US origin, as well as the transport and waste generation implications of such a disposal route, is alarming.

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Recognising the need to protect coastal communities, marine industries and ecosystems from an increasing burden of radioactivity in the environment, and having regard to KIMO Resolution 1/94 amended 98:

1) urges the UK Government and regulatory bodies, to recognise the urgent need for openness and transparency within the nuclear industry.

urges Northern Seas States;

1) to raise their concerns with the UK Government regarding the discharges at Dounreay and Sellafield.

KIMO members;

1) agree to submit this Resolution to all National Governments, the European Commission and other agencies.

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