

## Nuclear Free Local Authorities Secretariat

c/o Manchester City Council, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 3NY, UK

Tel: 0161 234 3244 Fax: 0161 274 7397

Chair: Councillor George Regan Secretary: Sean Morris



The Environment and Regional Planning Committee

Danish Parliament

c/o Christiansborg

DK-1240 København K

Denmark

Emailed to: [Klaus.Andersen@ft.dk](mailto:Klaus.Andersen@ft.dk)

27<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Dear Mr. Andersen,

### **TRANSPORTATION OF NUCLEAR WASTES THROUGH DANISH TERRITORIAL WATERS For the attention of: All members of the Committee**

I would like to make a brief written submission to the Committee for it to seek further information from the Canadian Government, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, the Swedish Government, Bruce Power and the Swedish company Studsvik about the upcoming series of highly radioactive waste shipments that will commence shortly from the Bruce Power plant in Canada.

These will see shipments of large and highly radioactive steam generators – containing significant levels of isotopes such as Plutonium – from the Bruce Power plant, across the Great Lakes and the North Atlantic, which are passing by the Orkney Islands, the Norwegian coast, the Danish coast before their destination in Sweden for partial clean-up.

Bruce Power has been given permission by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to start shipping these wastes and the shipments are expected to begin within the next few weeks. The shipments contain radioactive materials at much higher 'safe' radioactive levels than IAEA shipping guidelines recommend and are of real concern to the UK and Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) and other groups such as KIMO International, the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility, the Council of Canadians and a large body of citizen groups across North America, the British Isles and Scandinavia.

The NFLA urge the Danish Government and the Committee to attain information on these shipments urgently from the Canadian authorities and urgently consider banning them from Danish waters. The NFLA have made the same request of the UK, Irish and Scottish Governments.

You will be receiving separately a detailed submission on the shipments from Gordon Edwards, on behalf of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility, which the NFLA completely endorses. As members of the OSPAR Committee, the Danish Government should also consider asking the OSPAR Radioactive Substances Committee to consider these shipments in detail and advise the relevant member governments accordingly of any concerns it has with them.

I hope this letter can be tabled to all committee members and that the Committee can seriously consider the deep concerns of a large number of international nuclear-concerned groups over these shipments. The NFLA urges the Committee to recommend to the Danish Government that such shipments get banned from Danish territorial waters.

Yours sincerely,

Baillie George Regan

Chair of UK and Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities