



Chamber not telling all about uranium refinery

In its promotion of a uranium conversion refinery, the chamber of commerce speaks only of dollars, more jobs, more business and neglects to mention the dark side of the nuclear industry.

The citizens of Port Hope, Ont., recently rejected an expansion of the refinery there. They are concerned about health issues and environmental pollution. A medical specialist is testing a number of residents to see how much uranium they have absorbed into their bodies.

A conversion facility in Malv, France, had large decantation ponds of chemical liquids in holding ponds. Last January a heavy downpour of rain broke over the dikes and flooded a large section of the countryside. We dont need chemicals draining into the North Saskatchewan River or the water table around North Battleford or Prince Albert.

Chamber spokesman Ralph Boychuck recently said that he hopes his children and grandchildre would be safe and secure in the future. However, each year Saskatchewan exports 4,000 tonnes of yellowcake to the U.S.; President George Bush has rejected the Non-Proliferation Treaty; eight factories are manufacturing depleted uranium

ammunition and bombs; and America has sold this ammunition to 80 countries.

Seven hours after the "Shock and Awe" bombing of Iraq, scientists in Britain discovered radioactive particles in wind currents caught in their special filters from 3,800 kilometres away. Boychuck needs to learn more about radiation--with more and more of it being released into the atmosphere, for his kids and mine.

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