



November 24, 2005
Bill Adamson
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Dear Mr. Adamson:

I would like to thank you for providing me with your recent Star Phoenix editorial. I appreciate the time you have taken to make me aware of your concerns. The nuclear cycle is a contentious topic, and I appreciate the efforts you have made to ensure that this is an educated debate.

You have asserted that a large portion of Saskatchewan's uranium exports end up being used in nuclear weapons. I respectfully disagree with this contention. Canada is a signatory to the Non Nuclear Proliferation Treaty and as such, Saskatchewan is bound by international law to ensure that our uranium is used for strictly peaceful means. This responsibility is taken seriously and followed. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), founded in 1957, is the primary mechanism for verifying that parties to the NPT are complying with its terms. The implementation of IAEA safeguards is further evidence of the way in which the NPT strengthens international security and consequently,

Saskatchewan's own security. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission works closely with the IAEA and has indicated that Saskatchewan's uranium is used for peaceful means.

While Saskatchewan is currently not entertaining the storage of nuclear waste or the prospect of building a nuclear reactor, all future decisions will include the people of Saskatchewan and the federal government. Regarding the second editorial you included, the prospect of building a nuclear reactor is not currently economically feasible. The private sector has not indicated a desire to build a reactor and the province of Saskatchewan is not currently in need of that much energy.

As we move forward into our 21st century I would remind you that while uranium is an important part of our province, Saskatchewan is committed to sustaining a green and prosperous economy. Projects ranging from wind power to hydro will represent key resources of energy for this province in the years ahead.

Again, thank you for the reading.

Sincerely,

Eric Cline, Q.C.
Minister of Industry and Resources.