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Submission to The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) public hearing 29 September 2010 in Ottawa, Canada to consider the application by Bruce Power Inc. (Bruce Power) for a transport licence for the shipment of 16 steam generators by ship through the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway to Sweden for recycling in the fall of 2010, from Bruce Power's site located in Kincardine, Ontario (Ref. 2010-H-09).*

The Swedish Environmental Movement's Nuclear Waste Secretariat (Miljörelsens kärnavfallssekretariat, Milkas) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation made up of the national anti-nuclear group The Swedish Anti-nuclear Movement (Folksampanjen mot kärnkraft-kärnvapen, FMKK) and Friends of the Earth, Sweden (Miljöförbundet Jordens Vänner, MJV), the Swedish branch of Friends of the Earth International.

As the regulatory process in Sweden for dealing with an operation of this scale is not complete, it can not be assumed that the materials planned for export from Canada will be allowed entry into Sweden. Documentation should thus be required on steps taken to meet regulatory requirements in Sweden, e.g. the approval process for dealing with the radioactive waste that would be isolated in the planned operation.

Further, it is of particular note that Studsvik, the company in Sweden that would handle the imported waste, is under scrutiny in Sweden for its excessive release of radioactive materials to the Baltic Sea. It can thus also not be assumed that Studsvik will be able to continue to operate. In this context, Milkas would like to go on record as being opposed to operation of the Studsvik facility and the import of radioactive waste into Sweden.

Thanking you,
Miles Goldstick,
Information Secretary.

* See:

http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/commission/hearings/documents_browse/date.cfm?dt=29-Sep-2010