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STATEMENT

DRC Statement on Proposed Radioactivity Levels

Bismarck, ND--- We are outraged that this push by the Dalrymple Administration to increase radioactive levels 10 times is yet one more example that current state officials operate in secret at the direction of the oil industry. The health and safety of the people who live and work in North Dakota are once again being left behind.

The Dalrymple Administration is ill-prepared to deal with this waste. The State Health Department has known for years about radioactive waste and did very little to deal with it. How can state officials -- who have been unable, or unwilling, to track the thousands of tons of waste dumped the past several years --suggest we should let them take on waste 10 times more dangerous? They can't handle their current responsibilities to protect people's health and safety and now they ask to take on waste 10 times more dangerous.

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