



Statement

We, the UWG parliamentary faction on the city council of Gronau, have always been against the operation and extension of the uranium enrichment plant (UAA), owned by Urenco Deutschland GmbH in Gronau. Our position will not change concerning this matter. As a parliamentary faction we are also against the transport of depleted uranium to Russia.

The population of Gronau is being exposed to radioactive radiation every day through the operation of the enrichment plant. Furthermore there is a constant threat that great amounts of UF₆ are being set free in case of an accident.

The unprotected open-air cylinder yard for depleted uranium and the constant train and lorry shipments to and from the enrichment plant cause further risks which can't be justified.

Due to the intensifying cooperation of Russian and German environmental groups the transports of depleted uranium from Gronau via St Petersburg to the waste disposal site near Ekaterinburg have got increased publicity in Germany. These shipments by sea and rail are dangerous for the Russian population too. In Ekaterinburg there is no facility for the safe storage of the nuclear waste over a period of dozens of generations.

The export of German nuclear waste to Russia takes place purely because of financial reasons. Urenco makes a lot of money with the uranium enrichment. With some ten million euros it is the largest tax-payer in Gronau. We are strictly opposed to any financial gains for the nuclear industry which are being made by endangering the safety of the Russian population.

The stop of the uranium enrichment process in Germany will lead to less nuclear waste worldwide. There is no safe long-term storage available for nuclear waste. In compliance with international law and regulations, every country has to look after its own nuclear waste.

The UWG-faction on the city council of Gronau therefore demands an end to the uranium transports from Gronau to Russia. We welcome all activities in Russia to stop the import of German nuclear waste.

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