



KIMO RESOLUTION 4/01

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FUTURE OF DOUNREAY WASTE FUEL

While welcoming the decision of the UK Government to reject the option of reprocessing the 25 tonnes of waste spent fuel remaining at Dounreay, KIMO is concerned that the possibility remains that the waste fuel may be sent to either Sellafield or the La Hague plant in Normandy for reprocessing. KIMO rejects the need for the shipments of this highly radioactive waste to either plant for reprocessing which would result in increased discharges further to pollute the marine environment.

Radioactive marine discharges threaten the environment wherever they occur, and the decision not to reprocess the fuel at Dounreay and discharge the resulting radioactive pollution into the Pentland Firth, must not mean that the discharges occur elsewhere.

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Calls for the remaining fuel at Dounreay to be placed in on-site long-term aboveground dry storage. This option has been shown to be financially competitive with reprocessing and would result in virtually no environment discharges or additional wastes, apart from the eventual decommissioning of the storage facility.

Urges Northern Sea States;

(1) to raise their concerns over the future of the waste fuel remaining at Dounreay with the UK Government.

KIMO members;

(1) agree to submit this resolution to all National Governments, the European Commission and other relevant agencies.

*This Resolution was agreed unanimously by Delegates at the 11th KIMO International Annual General Meeting in Göteborg, Sweden on October 14th 2001 and became KIMO policy upon that date.