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To EFN,

I had written a letter for James Lovelock (below), but do not have his email to send it to. I had written an article about nuclear waste for Helium.com (attached) and wanted to know his views. In your opinion and with the capacity to share such knowledge, would it be possible to forward on this article to James Lovelock and/or is it of a quality to be published by yourselves.

At the moment with my regular job and volunteer job with Helium.com. I cannot participate as a local correspondent, but I would like to contribute in some way and I hope this article is a start.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards,

Ray Burke

Dear Mr. Lovelock,

My name is Ray Burke, a former archaeology student from University College London. Though my background is in Archaeology, I write short articles on many subjects, including science and environmental issues. I had read your book *The Revenge of Gaia*, which I found quite enjoyable and informative, and was interested in a comment you made about nuclear waste, which you also reiterated in a 2006 interview in the Independent Newspaper:

‘I would be happy to have the nuclear authorities build a concrete pit on my land and put some high-level nuclear waste in it. It gives off heat that could be used for hot water and central heating. It would be entirely safe and a waste not to use it’.

I was intrigued by this concept, but had heard nothing about it since. Recently, as you probably read or saw in the news, the government asked councils around the country to consider applying for underground facilities to bury nuclear waste, with strong financial investments and other incentives offered. It put me in mind of your above statement and as I write for an online forum, Helium.com, I wrote an article [attached] arguing for the alternate use of nuclear waste as a new energy source. As a concept, I would be interested to know if you had contact with the government in exploring this possibility.

Though I have no background in such technology and maybe my article is naïve, but I was wondering, if such an operation is feasible, how such a development or company could be set up to research and initiate a programme to develop a ReNuAble project that would provide more energy from waste which is already carbon free.

I look forward to hearing your views and advice on the subject.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

Ray Burke