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From: Chief Executive
Sent: Thursday 8 September 2022 11:21
To: Ciaran McGoldrick; Christopher Carroll
Subject: FW: CNFE Mail: Is nuclear waste transported through your city?

Good morning,

Please see below email from Cities for a Nuclear Free Europe for noting at your next SPC meeting.

Kind regards,

Caroline

From: CNFE Secretariat JD <office@cnfe.eu>
Sent: Thursday 8 September 2022 08:21
To: office@cnfe.eu
Subject: CNFE Mail: Is nuclear waste transported through your city?

Dear Mayor, dear Councillor, dear colleague,

Each day thousands of shipments of radioactive materials, including waste and spent nuclear fuels, are transported globally.

As a result of the increased use of radioactive substances in, for example, industry, medicine and agriculture, shipments have become more frequent and larger in volume. Most of these transported materials have little radiation risks. Strong radioactivity comes mainly from “spent nuclear fuels”; waste from nuclear plants.

Notorious are the so-called CASTOR trains from France to Germany. CASTOR stands for “Casks for Storage and Transport of Radioactive Material“. These are so well known because the transports and their routes are being announced before. But many other transports from nuclear plants to (temporary) storage facilities take place every day throughout Europe. Mainly by train, also through our cities.

Our British partner organization NFLA has initiated a campaign in the UK to make the transports in the UK and their risks more transparent. They have addressed the Direct Rail Service, the organization responsible for the transports, with a list of questions. <https://www.nuclearpolicy.info/news/safety-a-top-priority-for-anti-nuclear-groups-seeking-answers-on-nuclear-rail-transport/>

CNFE supports NFLA in this effort to get more information and transparency on this issue.

We, as CNFE, do not have an overview of all the nuclear transport taking place in Europe and we would like to ask our members to help us.

Are you aware if nuclear material is being transported through your city or community? Do you know about the kind of material and the frequency of the transports? Any information on this issue is welcome.

We would like to use that information to shed more light on this “side-effect” of nuclear energy in Europe.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any information, questions or remarks.

Kind regards,

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