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Bringing Sanity to Wind Development in Ontario

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## CNSC responds to Gideon Forman's silly rhetoric

Posted by: **WCO** | 01/07/2011

### Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

I'm compelled to respond to Gideon Forman's groundless statements on the health impacts of nuclear energy in his **January 6 editorial** "Wind power is healthy."

Studies have shown over and over that people living near nuclear power plants are as healthy as the rest of the population.

When Forman mentions the 2008 German study, he fails to tell you that both its authors and the German Radiological Protection Commission specifically ruled out radiation as a reason for the presence of some clusters of childhood leukemia near the nuclear plants.

Recent British and French epidemiological studies that used the same methodology as the German study did not find any increase in risk of childhood cancer in people living near their respective nuclear facilities.

All industrial activities have some form of releases to the environment; nuclear has a regulator that ensures operations are safe. I would like to reinforce that the very small controlled releases of nuclear facilities do not pose any risk to people and the environment.

Finally, nuclear waste is not a burden for future generations. In fact, it is safely stored and managed. Furthermore, Canada's nuclear regulator requires nuclear facility operators to maintain adequate financial guarantees to cover the costs associated with the long-term management of the waste they produced. Guarantees are an important



Gideon Forman has no medical background. He has a degree in Philosophy.

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condition of the companies' licences and the CNSC would never grant a licence without having that in place.

I invite your readers to visit our Web site at [nuclearsafety.gc.ca](http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca) to get the facts about Canada's nuclear sector.

Michael Binder  
President  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission



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## RESPONSES

Facts never get in the way of a mans utopia.

By: **C Cooper** on  
01/08/2011  
at 00:32

So this is the same Gideon Forman speaking for the organization Doctors for the Environment. Recently pamphlet from this organization was placed in my mailbox-what a pamhlet it was.

By: **sandra** on  
01/08/2011  
at 09:02

I have never seen anything so full of misconceptions, mistruths and down right ignorant ill-informed opinion ever. Among everything else nuclear power was negated. This prompted me to send an e-mail challenging them to clarify certain points, actually everything they claimed, to me.  
Well I'm still waiting for their response even though Mr. Forman certainly knows how to put pen to paper when motivated.  
Thanks for showing what he looks like.  
Too bad some will believe his nonsense

This propaganda will continue until the public is presented with the true facts and this is what WCO is all about.

By: **Barbara** on  
01/08/2011  
at 11:20

It might be useful to prepare a few pages of true facts for the public to read. Include the scientific/emgeneering,economic,health and property values. Keep it short as most people don't like to read more than just a few printed pages.

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In the TV age people are only used to a few seconds of sound bites to obtain information. So keep information short and to the point and stay on message.

Forman runs the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment or CAPE which obtains grants from the Trillium Foundation to promote their (his?) views. No membership list or financial info is posted on their website but their news letters carry doom and gloom in unfounded snippets like these:

By: **Parker** on 01/08/2011 at 11:52

"The province's coal plants contribute to over 120,000 illnesses," says Forman. "The harm done by coal is orders of magnitude greater than the harm done by renewable energy."

and this:

"Ontario has promised to stop coal use by 2014, but CAPE thinks the end could come in 2011 – saving nearly 1,000 lives and preventing hundreds of thousands of asthma attacks."

Industrial wind is such an expensive, unreliable and insignificant source of power only by sheer ignorance or ego should someone attempt to compare it favourably against a heavy weight power producer like nuclear or on-demand coal. With this article Forman has provided evidence he has little knowledge or credibility on the subject.

By: **zen2then** on 01/08/2011 at 12:14

Ho hum...Gideon and Tyler, Robert and Paper Clip.....zzzzz....same old words 3 years later....blah blah blah....Thank goodness WCO has up-to-date, current news and links to evidence based reports or really, where would we all be? Thank you WCO!

By: **Ontariwoe** on 01/08/2011 at 17:09

 OK....who is Robert and Paper Clip?



By: **WCO** on 01/08/2011 at 17:48

? I would hope that all green energy production is using green energy and it's higher tariffs...I would hope there is a thing?!

By: **peter** on 01/08/2011 at 20:18

Hornung and Crawley

By: **Ontariwoe** on 01/09/2011 at 09:24

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I think that Tyler Hamilton and Gideon Forman are graduates of the Agenda 21 Science and math courses.

By: **David Robinson**  
on 01/09/2011  
at 15:11

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=TzEEgtOFFIM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=TzEEgtOFFIM)

Watts up With That has a thread on the subject of scientific literacy — that's where I got this clip. It's a must watch if you want to know how we got where we are.

Check out both...

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