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INQUIRY INTO 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' TECHNOLOGY

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I am vehemently opposed to any and all burning of waste due to the proven adverse health and environmental impacts. It is simply fact that burning waste released toxic substances into the environment, and that toxic substances adversely affect health.

The proponents of burning waste assert that the amount of toxic substances released are small, and therefore their adverse effects are small. These assertions have never been proven scientifically. They never will be proven to be true. Releasing more dioxins, furans, fine particulate matter, heavy metals etc. into the environment is not safe, has never been safe, and never will be safe.

Increasing the amount of toxic substances into the environment is a dangerous idea. Humans should strive to decrease rather than increase the release of toxic substances.

Proponents of burning waste assert that it is needed in order to supplant landfills and reduce landfill gas emissions. That is a false premise. Landfill gas emissions are a big problem, but they can be very significantly reduced and are being very significantly reduced by landfill gas collection. Proponents of burning waste are not taking any action to reduce landfill gas by collection technology, rather they espouse increasing the release of toxic substances into the environment, something that is far worse than landfill gas.

Surely our governments and elected representatives must act to reduce rather than increase the amount of toxic substances that people are exposed to.