Consultation on UK plutonium stockpile.

A halt needs to take place on this consultation until the effects of the accidents at Fukushima have been analysed nationally and internationally.

People are particularly worried about the effects of the MOX fuel in one of the damaged reactors and contamination of the environment by the plutonium it contains.

There are also concerns about the costs and dangers associated with proliferation and the use of MOX fuel. At a time when the government is warning the public of increased danger of terrorist attack, it would be disregarding safety to go ahead with reprocessing. It does not get rid of the plutonium and it heightens risk in the case of accident or attack.

The government cannot carry on with the consultation when we do not possess the evidence yet necessary to make proper, informed decisions. It would show complete disregard of the health, wealth and well-being of the public to attempt to continue this consultation before getting evidence from Japan and international experts.

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