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I just wanted to register my extreme concern at the evolving process to have a site in Cumbria investigated, approved and a GDF built. Instead of accepting that the earlier decision of Cumbria CC not to support further geological investigation, which meant starting over and reviewing alternative locations, DECC has simply looked for another approach to getting approval for further investigative boreholes done in Cumbria. A commonly voiced concern has been that the government's word cannot be trusted in matters associated with the GDF. This change of direction by DECC supports this view and gives me no confidence that the government will willingly accept any alternatives other than to build the GDF irrespective of what the public wants or the geology says is practical. This is simply undemocratic and from being an openly declared supporter of GDF in Cumbria I now believe the process is deeply flawed and I can no longer endorse DECC's aims/course of action.

Yours faithfully

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