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Respected Counselors, my name is Jeff Russell and i wold like to clarify and add to the comments i made at yesterday's (Friday 10 July 2015) meeting.

as i said, i was not at my best yesterday. i believe i misspoke when i was listing facts at the beginning of my comments, i mistakenly said parts per billion when i should have said parts per million. the NOAA measurement of CO2 concentration for March 2015 was a bit more than 401 ppm. current fossil fuel consumption rates raise the concentration by about 2ppm per year.

to add to my comments;

changing from burning high carbon density fossil coal to lower carbon density fossil gas is like being in a boat with a compulsion to drill holes in the bottom and changing to a smaller drill. it really does nothing to solve the problem. also;

I believe it was Commissioner Arthur House who spoke to the issue of retiring the nuclear generating plants here in Connecticut. i would bring Commissioner House's attention to a public meeting i attended where the operators of one of the nuclear facilities were trying to sell a proposal to move the spent fuel from a fuel pool, to a dry cask storage facility on the shore of the CT river. i attended that meeting. it became clear that the corporate representatives knew very well that the proposal would increase radiation exposure on a portion of the Connecticut River open to commercial navigation. it was also clear they had never contacted the United States Coast Guard. this indicates a level of incompetence that should be considered dangerous and negligence that might meet the legal definition of criminal. the U.S.C.G has primary jurisdiction over commercially navigable waterways. with the multiple millions of dollars i was told the company put into designing and public relation for the proposal, i think the share holders should have sued.

i contacted Jonathan C. Russell (now a retired U.S.C.G Captain) and described the situation to him. he had no knowledge of the situation, but knew exactly who should be informed about it. after approximately 48 hours, the U.S.C.G. vetoed the proposal as a menace to navigation.

i was also at the F.E.R.C. meeting in Glastonbury about the expansion of the existing gas pipe line in Ct. all the information i have strongly indicates to me that the industry assertions about the need for expansion are lies. i am firmly convinced any expansion of that pipeline will only increase the speed of climate change. i strongly urge the council to recommend against it.

thank you for your time.

Jeff Russell