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FACTS leader speaks against Swanick

Re: "Chuck" Swanick's political ad in the Friday, October 22, 1999 issue of the TONAWANDA NEWS:

F.A.C.T.S. (For A Clean Tonawanda Site), Inc. [FACTS] has a few questions:

Mr. Swanick states "RADIOACTIVE WASTE CLEANUP - Working to remove all (underline all) radioactive materials from the Tonawandas." Perhaps Mr. Swanick would like to explain to his constituents just how he plans on removing ALL of the radioactive materials?

A) Last that we heard, the WORST of the waste will be removed. Anything below 40 picocuries will be left behind for future generations to be concerned about.

B) Just how does he plan on removing the radioactive waste that is in and around the foundation of Building 14 on the Linde/Praxair property?

C) How will the contamination present in the Seaway Landfill be removed?

D) How does he plan on removing the same from Rattlesnake Creek?

E) What method does he have in mind to remove the radioactive waste from the 29 anomalies that are present in the Town of Tonawanda and City of Tonawanda?

REFERENCES:

<http://members.aol.com/factsowwny/29sites.htm>

<http://members.aol.com/factsowwny/29sites2.htm>

One of the pictures in the ad shows Chuck "Where's the camera?" Swanick posed at one of the sites OUTSIDE of the restraining rope with a hard hat tucked under his arm talking to one of the workers. On the restraining rope (conveniently placed) is a radioactive warning sign. Is this pose supposed to allude to something in particular?

For a person who has publicly admitted in the past that he was not good in science, it seems as though he is making some pretty wild, unsubstantiated claims. Since when did Mr. Swanick become an expert in the removal of radioactive wastes?

FACTS would respectfully suggest that Mr. Swanick steer clear of subjects he knows very little about. Conversely, FACTS bases its knowledge on the studies of Drs. John Gofman, Alice Stewart, Thomas Mancuso and others who are more familiar with the effects of long-term exposure to low-level radioactive waste, not in so-called experts that Mr. Swanick relies on.

Being that it's "elect me, I'm so wonderful" time again, a certain amount of blarney is to be expected. But, let's not get carried away with false claims that can affect the health of future generations.

Finally, we wonder who paid for the ad? There was no credit given.

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