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Dear Roy,

I attach a paper which shows that the base populations recently employed by the Wales Cancer Intelligence Unit to calculate risks of childhood leukemia in the Menai Strait area of north Wales were incorrect. Their error was the same one that they made in assessing risk in Mold, Flintshire, and which was the basis of a paper which was published in the Journal of Public Health Medicine in 2003.

COMARE should have the Wales Cancer Registry files I sent to Prof Bridges in connection with the earlier arguments on this issue of childhood and adult cancer near the coast of north Wales and the connection with radiation exposure and therefore COMARE will be able to confirm what we have asserted in the paper, namely that the base populations are wildly in error, and that the childhood leukemia risks in the period 1982-90 are largely those that we reported. Thus the latest child leukemia data which formed part of the study that informed the HTV program *Cansyrs Plant* forms part of an on-going trend, and is not the isolated occurrence that WCISU suggest.

If the WCR files have been lost or cannot be found, I would be happy to send one year of data so that the number of AORs may be counted and compared with the number used by WCISU.

You will recall that since 1999, without allowing Green Audit to be involved in any analysis, COMARE have persistently supported Dr Steward's analyses and criticisms of Green Audit reports and this is true for the latest one. COMARE confirmed its support for his (incorrect) findings on 8th March 2005 and much was made in the Welsh Media about the shortcomings of our epidemiological analyses. Accordingly, I ask you to pass this letter to the committee and when it has been confirmed that Dr Steward's work was wildly in error, we ask that COMARE retract its statement, apologise to Green Audit and inform the Welsh Office of the situation. COMARE's statements about my work and that of my colleagues are consistently used by the nuclear industry and their supporters, and are employed in Court Cases where I give evidence as an expert witness. On the basis of the findings presented in the paper I attach, it seems that it is the official epidemiology that is in error, and not ours.

Yours sincerely

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