

Exchange with DPL

Jun 27 2026, 11:53AM

David,

I appreciate you taking the time to address your concerns regarding the children's biography of Carl Johnson. The piece deliberately avoids the debate over the use of nuclear material as an energy source, but focuses on the hazardous materials that remained present on the site which led to it being a designated Superfund site that required a 7 billion dollar DOE mitigation project that includes ongoing monitoring of radioactive and other toxic materials in the soil and their potential for release into the air or groundwater. Obviously, many studies are inconclusive and it is certainly difficult to tie individual cancers to one pollutant vs another, especially considering the numerous Superfund sites, including former radium plants, in the Denver metro area. The piece certainly avoids the weeds on this and instead focused on the known links between radiation exposure and cancers, which is not in dispute. I hope that helps clarify the motivation of this biography and thank you again for your thoughtful input.

Jun 27, 2026, at 12:08PM

Alejandro, I assume "the piece" means the existing document at the Library?

"Obviously, many studies are inconclusive and it is certainly difficult to tie individual cancers to one pollutant vs another,"

On the contrary, if you visit rockyflatsneighbors.org <<http://rockyflatsneighbors.org/>> (the science-based website I set up and maintain), you'll discover that there is no uncertainty in the scientific literature (dating back at least to 1983) about the health dangers posed by Rocky Flats. Pu accounts for less than about 0.8% of total soil radioactivity, and its airborne contributions are millions of times smaller than outdoor radon.

I would still like to know who wrote the piece I'm complaining about.

12:23 PM:

I wrote the piece.

Cheers