

HB0062/SB0253.1

I oppose the the approval to allow chemical warfare material to be burned under any circumstances.

In 1996, as a Congressional Fellow, I willingly and successfully worked on a Congressman's behalf to obtain several million dollars in federal funds to "safely" burn pentaborane gas. The compound was not useful as jet fuel and its corroded cylinders were not moveable. This was a highly volatile compound and was acutely toxic with exposure to water. The gas, in rusting cylinders, were kept outside.

Today, with knowledge I have gained as a listener to the Fort Detrick Restoration Advisory Board meetings and eventually a member, I would have worked to convince the Congressman to go another route.

I urge you not to change the existing processes. Please use neutralization processes as previously used. I urge you not to burn these materials and put the to public any risk.

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