

Interactive comment on “Comment on “Global risk of radioactive fallout after major nuclear reactor accidents” by J. Lelieveld et al. (2012)” by J. Lelieveld et al.

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The section 'Phase-out of NPPs in Germany' of the original publication begins with some statements which are clearly of political nature; this is not acceptable for any scientific publication. On top of all, the statements made are just false: It is not true that, in the wake of Fukushima, the present German government (black/yellow) decided to phase-out all nuclear power plants. In the contrary this decision had already been established by the previous German government (red/green); and it had been only the present government which decided to extend the permitted periods of operation for most NPPs considerably. After Fukushima the present government returned to

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the former plans for phase-out, recalled the extension and did shut-down a number of NPPs immediately. Such decision was not at all related to any safety issues or even considering 'societal change'. The proof that political intentions were carried with such sentences is the press-release of the MPI of the authors (Pressemitteilung http://www.mpg.de/5809185/Kernenergie_nuklearer_Gau "The nuclear GAU (German: greatest supposed accident) is more probable as imagined"); the authors defended in a letter to me that they are not responsible for this press-release.

The authors in their discussion fail to clarify this issue.

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