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Mr. Donald D. Carruth
President
The American Eagle Foundation
3306 Winnett Road
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Dear Mr. Carruth:

It was a pleasure meeting with you yesterday and having you brief me on the progress being made in the program your Foundation initiated in February 1973 to develop a fleet of incinerator tankships to destroy hazardous and toxic chemical wastes, aboard ship, while the vessel(s) is far at sea.

I note the "Report of the Interagency Ad Hoc Work Group for the Chemical Waste Incinerator Ship Program", issued September 1980, by the U.S. Maritime Administration, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. National Bureau of Standards, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency all give strong support to this program, such as:

"High-temperature incineration on land or at sea is the most effective method available today for destroying combustible hazardous waste, destroying 99.99 percent of the wastes. Incineration which occurs at sea removes the destruction site from populated areas, impacts minimally on the environment and is cost-effective," they added.

A single incinerator ship, operating at full capacity, could destroy up to 200,000 metric tons of waste a year the agencies note. The United States produces nearly 57 million metric tons of hazardous waste a year, EPA estimates.


The agencies recommended that the federal government encourage the development of a United States commercial incinerator ship fleet through subsidies and guaranteed waste contracts.

The technique is relatively inexpensive, the report states. A 1978 study showed at-sea incineration to cost about \$80-\$91 per metric ton, compared to \$181 to \$212 for land-based incineration.

The destruction of the types of chemical wastes that can cause cancer or malformations in the human body is to be highly commended. The prevention of cancer is a goal to which we can all subscribe!

We wish you every success for the future.

Sincerely,



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