Doubt is Their Product: Manufactured Uncertainty and Public Health

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Lecture and book signing
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David Michaels is an epidemiologist and former government regulator. He is currently Research Professor and Interim Chairman of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, where he directs the Project on Scientific Knowledge and Public Policy (www.DefendingScience.org).

During the Clinton Administration, he was Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety and Health, responsible for protecting the health and safety of workers, neighboring communities and the environment surrounding the nation’s nuclear weapons facilities. In that position, he was the chief architect of the historic initiative to compensate workers in the nuclear weapons complex who developed cancer or lung disease as a result of exposure to radiation, beryllium and other hazards. Since its passage, The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act has provided more than $3 billion in benefits to sick workers and their families. He also oversaw promulgation of DOE’s Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Rule.

In 2006, Dr. Michaels received the American Association for the Advancement of Science’s Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award for his work on behalf of nuclear weapons workers and for his advocacy for scientific integrity.

Dr. Michaels is the author of Doubt is Their Product: How Industry’s Assault on Science Threatens Your Health (Oxford University Press, 2008).

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