

Letter of Notice Served on Mr Richard Adams European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Member Foreign and Commonwealth Office of UK Government

18th February, 2015

Letter of Notice holding EESC member Richard Adams personally accountable for betraying public trust by ignoring evidence on the hazards of RF/EMF.

The Radiation Research Trust is calling for Mr Adams's appointment or re-appointment as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) to be terminated due to his serious breach of duty and faith as a member of the EESC.

The RRT also calls for the annulment of the EESC counter-opinion and for the original opinion to be reconsidered.

This letter of notice is issued by the UK Radiation Research Trust in support of millions of people estimated to be between 22,000,000 and 37,000,000 throughout Europe who are currently suffering with electromagnetic hypersensitivity due to exposure to the proliferation of mobile phones, DECT cordless phones, cordless baby monitors, phone masts, WiFi, smart meters and the smart grid.

Mr Adams instigated the counter-opinion at the EESC Plenary Session on electrosensitivity on 21^{st} January, 2015 and failed to disclose his conflicts of interests which is a breach of good conduct.

This letter will be held on record for future reference to enable members of the public to demonstrate that information, research and reports on EMF health effects, along with details highlighting the conflicts of interests for some members from the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) were presented to Mr Adams before the vote for the counter-opinion on electrosensitivity EESC Plenary Session on 21st January, 2015.

We therefore wish to inform Mr Adams that we are now from today, 18th February, 2015 putting him on notice to hold him responsible for that vote's outcome. Henceforth, we will deem that Mr Adams is aware of the effects this technology is having on members of the population due to the information that we and others provided him with before the vote and future actions will have to be judged in the light of that knowledge.

Mr Adams was challenged over serious conflicts of interest during the EESC Plenary Session due to his (undisclosed) stakeholder position with RWE AG, one of Europe's five leading electricity and gas companies. He is also a trustee for the Charity Sustainability First (a fact that was also undisclosed at that time). Both enterprises have a vested interest in smart grid and smart meters that rely on wireless radiofrequency technology.

The UK Radiation Research Trust, doctors, scientists and NGO's throughout Europe expressed concerns directly to Mr Adams before that vote over the detrimental impacts wireless technology is having on millions of people who are currently suffering with electrosensitivity throughout Europe, causing damage to health and the rights to work and live in society. Many people living with EHS are denied their basic human rights leading to social exclusion and disruption and destruction to family life in many cases. The adopted counter-opinion also ignores **children's rights** as they are forced to attend schools polluted by WiFi radiation and not given adequate warnings associated with the precautionary approach for children using mobile phones or other wireless technologies, thus preventing the course of Justice. A document discussing EHS and Human Rights can be downloaded here: http://www.radiationresearch.org/home/10-uncategorised/408-ehs-human-rights-dr-isaac-jamieson

Mr Adams ignored such information and refused to accept that wireless technology is in any way responsible for these risks. He was not prepared to engage in dialogue of any kind and resorted to using slanderous language with regards to the work of esteemed doctors and scientists such as Professor Lennart Hardell and the BioInitiative Working Group related to biological risk.

To summarise concerns raised with Mr Adams by the Radiation Research Trust:

It is estimated that 3% to 5% of the population is suffering from EHS and the numbers are growing. People are often misdiagnosed as the medical profession is not trained to recognise the symptoms associated with EHS, leading to inappropriate treatments for conditions such as tinnitus, headaches, dizzy spells, cardiac arrhythmia, sleep disorders, depression, shocks and burning sensations, and skin rashes. As a result, medications are often prescribed when the most important advice a patient can be given is to avoid RF radiation emitting devices and environments. Children are most at risk as they will absorb a higher dose of radiation and will be exposed throughout their lifetime.

The BioInitiative Working Group consisting of 29 authors from ten countries, ten holding medical degrees (MDs), 21 PhDs, and three MsC, MA or MPHs. Among the authors are three former presidents of the Bioelectromagnetics Society, and five full members of BEMS. This group of distinguished experts offered an alternative review to SCENIHR. The BioInitiative Working Group have reviewed over 5000 peer reviewed scientific papers and highlights the fact that bioeffects are clearly established to occur with very low exposure levels (non-thermal levels) to electromagnetic fields and radiofrequency radiation exposures. These diseases include adverse effects on the central nervous system, cancer initiating and promoting effects, impairments of certain brain functions, loss of memory and cognitive function and infertility and immune dysfunction. The report calls for the precautionary approach and urgent action due to chronic EMF-related diseases that are a potential risk for everyone.

The European Environment Agency, in its document 'Late Lessons from Early Warnings', makes similar recommendations, as does the Council of Europe's Resolution 1815. It is disheartening that Mr Adams has ignored such recommendations.

A recent paper on Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity was presented by Radiation Research Trust trustee, Emergency Medicine Doctor Erica Mallery-Blythe. This report highlights a multitude of studies which show the EHS symptom constellation

in the general population manifesting in a dose-response fashion from exposure to RF emitting devices such as mobile phone base stations and mobile and DECT cordless phones. Download here: http://www.iemfa.org/wp-content/pdf/Mallery-Blythe-v1-EESC.pdf

The experimental work of Dr. Dominique Belpomme; a professor of oncology at Paris-Descartes University, President of the French Association for Research in Therapeutics Against Cancer suggests altering brain function in those with EHS and explores a diagnostic method based on blood tests and a special brain scan (pulsed Doppler echography) to visualize blood flow. Dr. Belpomme has questioned and clinically examined more than 1,000 electrohypersensitive (EHS) self-reported persons. He says, "These are real, sick people who are in a Pre-Alzheimer's state."

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the cancer committee for the World Health Organisation, voted in May 2011 to categorise RF radiation as a Group 2B "possible human carcinogen" for the entire spectrum, indicating that all people should be allowed the freedom of choice to avoid exposure.

Professor Lennart Hardell issued a letter of rebuttal with further material defending his reputation against defamation of his scientific and professional reputation following comments by Mr Adams. Dr Hardell included a letter from a member of SCENIHR, Kiell Hansson Mild, which demonstrated conflicts of interest within the SCENIHR review. The Hardell Group published five ground breaking studies in 2013, all of which were ignored by SCENIHR in their report. The Hardell studies are the first to correlate mobile phone usage with incidences of brain tumours over a 20+year period of time, longer than any other epidemiological studies. They found a clear correlation between cell phone usage and two types of brain tumours, acoustic neuromas and the deadliest of all brain cancers, gliomas. Yet this startling risk of brain tumours was not only ignored, but denigrated by members of SCENIHR, the irony being IARC — the World Health Organization's cancer committee — accepted Hardell's science prior to 2013 for consideration when the IARC scientists almost unanimously voted for the 2B "possible carcinogen to humans" classification for the entire RF - EMF Spectrum. Importantly the Italian Supreme Court considered the Hardell studies more reliable and independent unlike some studies which had been part funded by the mobile phone industry.

Download the letter of rebuttal from Professor Lennart Hardell here: http://www.radiationresearch.org/images/rrt articles/Adams-rebuttal-2.pdf

Advice from Professor Yuri Grigoriev, Honorary Chairman of the Russian National Committee on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection and Advisory Committee member of WHO on EMF and Health saying: "Ionizing radiation is monitored with safety systems in place to contain and control and prevent overexposure. The current proliferation of wireless frequencies **is worse** as levels of non-ionizing radiation are constantly increasing and ubiquitous; **it is out of control.** The world-wide dissemination of mobile telecommunications has resulted in new sources of large-scale population exposure to radio-frequency electromagnetic fields".

Information from RRT advisor Susan Foster regarding the fire-fighters in California developing headache, sleep disturbances, tinnitus, forgetfulness, inability to focus, mood swings, unexplained outbursts of anger and slowed reaction time due to mobile phone masts on their fire stations as confirmed through the use of SPECT brain scans and T.O.V.A. testing.

Mr Adams is now fully aware that a vast number of people are suffering with electrosensitivity and are seeking support for this condition to be accepted as a physiological condition, not a psychological one and the need for preventative measures to be applied to protect future generations. Their claims are now supported by a sufficient and rapidly growing body of credible scientific evidence.

We are aware of Mr Adams association with industry and especially the smart meter programme and have provided a copy of the report by Dr Isaac Jamieson on 'smart meters, smarter practices' which offers safer and alternative measures to implement this system. http://www.radiationresearch.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=173

The Radiation Research Trust reminds Mr Adams of his duty to respect the relevant convention rights applicable before the dissemination of smart meters and draws his attention to Section 6(1) of the Human Rights Act of public authorities 1998 which states clearly "it is unlawful for a Public Authority to act in a way which is incompatible with Convention Right." Article 6 "the right to a fair and impartial hearing" and article 8 "the right to respect for private and family life, home and possessions." The rights of people suffering with electrohypersensitivity are currently violated. It is time to apply the Convention established in the European Court of Human Rights. Any person who feels his or her rights have been violated under the Convention by a state party can take a case to the Court and call for support for the right to life, prohibition of torture and prohibition of discrimination, this is a basic requirement in policy making. The European Convention on Human Rights (formally the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms) is an international treaty to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms in Europe which in democratic societies are usually afforded legal protection from the state.

Many people are now looking for justice following the milestone legal cases being won related to EMFs. As examples: in 2011, the Spanish Labour Court in Madrid declared hypersensitivity, caused in part by EMF exposure, can cause permanent disability. In 2012, the Italian Supreme Court ruled the Insurance Body for Work (INAIL) must compensate a worker who developed a tumour due to long-term, heavy use of mobile phones on the job. In 2013, the Australian government was ordered to pay claims for damaging the health of an employee with EMF sensitivity. Such rulings set a precedent for future conditions related to hypersensitivity to these microwaves.

A new perspective is required by the telecommunications industry in order to better protect the general public, the environment and their own shareholders. The same holds true for governments. Potential risks are already being acknowledged in industry.

As an example: Business risks for investors listed on the New York Stock Exchange are discussed in the annual report of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ending December 21, 2011. The report includes the following statement from VERIZON: "Our wireless business also faces personal injury and consumer class action lawsuits relating to alleged health effects of wireless phones or radio frequency transmitters, and class action lawsuits that challenge marketing practices and disclosures relating to alleged adverse health effects of handheld wireless phones. We may incur significant expenses in defending these lawsuits. In addition, we may be required to pay significant awards or settlements."

In addition to the information presented earlier to Mr Adams, we take this opportunity to mention that **the insurance industry already recognises the potential risks of EMFs.**

AUVA Report (2009): This Austrian insurance company commissioned experts to assess biological effects of mobile phone radiation. Non-thermal effects were observed: "... the demonstrated effects, should not even have occurred, according to the strictly thermal interaction mechanism that would have been covered by current exposure guidelines".

Lloyd's of London (2010): "The danger with EMF is that, like asbestos, the exposure insurers face is underestimated and could grow exponentially and be with us for many years." Lloyd's refuses to cover claims linked with RF radiation (Ryle 1999).

Swiss Re (2013): "Over the last decade, the spread of wireless devices has accelerated enormously. ... This development has increased exposure ... If a direct link [to health effects] ... were established, it would open doors for new claims and could ultimately lead to large losses ..."

Unforeseen consequences of electromagnetic fields (Swiss Re 2013) Overall potential impact: High

Time Frame: >10 Years.

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The clock has started ticking on liability and the time has arrived to deal with this issue as a matter of urgency. Policy makers must face up to their responsibility now. Reducing EMF risks increases benefits to all as highlighted in Dr Isaac Jamieson's presentation made to the EESC on 4 November 2014. Download here:

http://www.radiationresearch.org/images/rrt articles/IAJ EMF BRUSSELS Revised 0141 124A.pdf

We reiterate that Mr Adams was made aware of the risks of EMFs to individuals by ourselves and others before the EESC vote was made on 21st January, 2015. He will not be able to claim that he 'didn't know' in a court of law in the future as this historic letter and those submissions will hold him accountable.

As of 18th February, 2015 European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) member Mr. Richard Adams absolutely, irrefutably has received the latest science from doctors and scientists from around the world on this issue.

Future claims for damages to health as a result of this counter-opinion on electrohypersensitivity being accepted by the EESC could be founded on this letter of notice in making a claim for compensation. Mr Richard Adams is now on notice.

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