Was this Conference "worth it"?

You decide:

"As some of you know, we had hearings this week into the proposed "refurbishment" at Darlington.... It was quite a week!! 4 days of hearings, a ton of activists, many of whom had never taken part in this kind of thing before.

"I wish we could have YouTubes of all the presenters. It really was inspiring!!

"Anyway, I made use of the coffee mug from the conf. to hold up during my presentation & quote what is on it (I focused my remarks on waste), & I quoted Arnie & his 5 persistent problems w. nukes ever since 1942 thing, & I also mentioned the activists who opened up the conference with their stories of desecrated homelands (these folks moved me to tears, actually. I mentioned that to our CNSC tribunal also! I said they are always up in their heads, & we need to be in our hearts.....)

"Anyway, just wanted you to know I made great use of some of the stuff from the conference. So-so-so glad I went!!!

"Lovely to see you all, wonderful to be part of this feisty, feisty movement!!! Thanks for all your work in general, & in particular, your work on this conference!!" --Janet M—

"You did a great job, too! Thanks for the very important conference!!... There were lots of good people who participated and attended and lots of important information that got out. We look forward to future movies at Multi Kulti and other NEIS events. "--Kaitlin D—

"Hey. Very worth it, for what that's worth. Even though I'm sure that everyone working on it—and even some less hardy attendees—got a tad overloaded—having those videos to share with others (or to watch again myself for things I didn't catch) is invaluable (to kick the value bite a few syllables further)."

— Liz F—

"Many thanks, David. It was a great weekend.I'm very grateful for all your work, and for all I learn from my American colleagues and cronies. Thanks again." --Brennain L—

"Thanks again for the mountain of work you did to make the Mountain of Waste conference possible. I was really impressed with the quality of the presenters. It helps

me in my work, and it must help participants who know less than I do about how nukes work." --JM--

"I spent the last two days in a marvelous conference on atomic energy. Speakers came from around the country with several from Canada and one from Japan. I am not familiar with the "greats" in that area, but I have a feeling that I got to listen to many of them in the last two days. ...[The] event was really top notch. Almost all the presentations were valuable." --Jay M.—

"A very humble thanks to all of you for creating, organizing and participating in this most informative conference. Both the quality of the information presented and the interaction among the participants gave the anti-nuke/safe energy movement a very real renewal of its spirit. With more facts available in simplified formats and new networking relations in place, I feel that substantial progress will be achieved in the near future. Congratulations and many thanks again to each of you!"
--Marilyn S.—

"I've stopped several times in the middle of my day today to say to myself, 'Thank you,' [for the Conference]. I will treasure this experience and try to make it come to life in different ways....Robert and Charmaine are also unforgettable. I'll be mulling over Charmaine's impact on my worldview for some time." --Norma F.—

"It was a great time and every one thoroughly enjoyed it. I'm amazed at you how you pulled this off in what I mean--no time!" --- Carol K.—

"I think the conference was very special. Two long and wonderful days." -- Jan B."

"... my salute to you for your immense efforts, vision, and activism with integrity." --Arjun M.—

"Thank you, Dave, and to all of the planning committee for the wonderful Mountain of Waste conference. You brought together a highly impressive array of excellent speakers, packed our days full of opportunities to learn and share, and fed us well to boot! The memorial at the site of the Moore sculpture was particularly moving to me, with the tributes by people from various races and faith traditions adding so much. Your hard, hard work is much appreciated. Thanks SOOO much...." --Carolyn T.--

"I just wanted to send you a quick note to thank you for the wonderful conference. I am very glad I came [from New York]. Very much so...." -- Miguel S.---

"Rich content at today's program which was interesting and provided added perspective."

—Tom R.—

"I am so glad I could be a part of this, and hope to convince some of those wonderful individuals to speak and motivate other young people at DePaul [University]! Thank you!" -- feedback card—

"Amazing program. Great presentations and quotable quotes. Wish there was more designated activist network/strategy time. Maybe optional 3rd day for activists next time?" -- feedback card—

"I am with Nuclear Watch South. I have been delighted to have the opportunity to be surrounded by such educated, devoted and enthusiastic activists. This has been provoking and informative. Would love to retreat with these new friends again!" --feedback card--

"I want to tell you what a splendid job you did on arranging and presenting the conference. You had a terrific lineup of speakers who had the ability to mold themselves and their information to the needs of the crowd. I thought it was wonderful. It is the first time I can remember that all I had to do was just sit and enjoy, so I had a great opportunity to evaluate everything and reconnect with wonderful old friends. I only wish that we could have spent more time together but I know how really busy you were. But congrats on an exceptional conference." --Judy T. –

"I think that the conference was outstanding; not only because of its exceptionally well informed speakers, but also because of the excellent literature, fine slide shows and film, the displays, and the general organization, You and the other NEIS staff and volunteers, and all of the people from the other sponsoring groups, should be thoroughly congratulated."

--Brad L.--