

Pipe Dreams

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Our informed sources haven't told us yet, but a so-called informed source confided in the Micronesian Independent that the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission is presently studying the feasibility of dumping radioactive waste (including plutonium) in sealed containers at the bottom of the Marianas Trench off Guam. They say: "As you may know, plutonium is the most dangerous chemical ever created by man and with a half-life of some 50,000 years will be forever dangerous. Possible release of plutonium in future years could well kill all life in the Pacific."

While we aren't that alarmed it is something to watch. If the AEC is considering this, we think the very least they can do is let us know what's on their minds. After all, it is practically in our backyard. They wouldn't dream of dumping this stuff in the Potomac.