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Subject: Allegation of Public Health Deception

Importance: High

To: Jane E. Clark, Ph.D., Dean, School of Public Health, University of Maryland

Dear Dean Clark,

The stated Mission of the School of Public Health that you head is “*To promote and protect the health and well-being of the diverse communities throughout Maryland, the nation and the world through interdisciplinary education, research, practice, leadership and public policy.*” Yet one member of your organization, Research Professor Anwar Huq, I allege, in blatant contradiction to said Mission statement, unwarrantedly and without legitimate scientific basis, acted to deceived the public and the scientific community of evidence of the existence of a national and international public health threat.

In San Diego, California where I live the sky was formally azure blue, rarely obscured by clouds. But in recent years on a near-daily basis tanker jets spray trails of particulate matter, which quickly spread into artificial cirrus-like clouds which further spread and becomes a white haze. Heavy spraying can cause overcast, sometimes with a brownish hue. I became concerned as to the public health dangers as the US Air Force explanation that these were harmless jet contrails (ice crystals from the water in jet exhaust) could not possibly be correct in San Diego, where the air is warm and dry and any jet contrails disappear in a matter of seconds. These were clearly particulates in the same size range as pollution particles; I developed three lines of evidence that the particulate matter is primarily toxic coal fly ash, the waste product of coal-burning utilities. On April 5, 2016 I submitted a manuscript entitled “Human and Environmental Dangers Posed by Ongoing Global Tropospheric Aerosolized Particulates for Weather Modification” to Frontiers in Public Health. The paper was peer-reviewed, revised accordingly, and was accepted on June 16 and published on June 30, 2016. Then along came the disinformation professionals, presumably with the same or similar lies they had used at other journals. After being informed of the Journal’s intent to retract my paper, without my ever being shown the complaints, I provided documentation of what had been attempted before by some of the same individuals. But to no avail. You can download a

copy of the retracted paper at <http://www.nuclearplanet.com/frontiers1.pdf> and the correspondence to date at <http://www.nuclearplanet.com/retraction.html>.

Coal fly ash with its micron and submicron grain size when inhaled buries itself deep in the lungs where it can remain for long periods of time. There its radioactive elements and hexavalent chromium can cause cancer, its heavy metals and aluminum can be released with body moisture. Released arsenic, for example, can cross the placenta. Any order to keep silent about the health risks, if such an order exists, would be an illegal order. No one has the right to slowly and insidiously harm human health in this way.

Anwar Huq has failed to follow long established academic standards. Specifically, I was never allowed to view the complaints made or to respond to them. Moreover, although I had documented this behavior by the same individual in another instance, Huq failed to take that into account. His “approval” of said retraction falls far short of ethical, scholarly behavior. By his action in this sham retraction, Anwar Huq has managed to seriously violate said Mission of said School. He has hidden evidence of a potential “slow pandemic” that might affect millions of people.

Prior to my filing formal complaints, it would seem appropriate for you to give wise council to Anwar Huq. His “approval” of retraction only serves to deceive the public and the scientific community about a potential public health risk. My paper is sound, scientifically and scholastically. Huq was deceived; he should correct his wrongdoing. You may be certain that this matter is not going to go away until resolved satisfactorily. There are many who consider the spraying of toxic coal fly ash into the air we breathe to constitute crimes against humanity. This situation is similar to the historically documented exposure of millions of people to radioactive fallout in the 1950s and 1960s while deceiving them about the health risks.

I hope, Dean Clark, that you will without delay restore integrity to your School.

Sincerely,

J. Marvin Herndon, Ph.D.