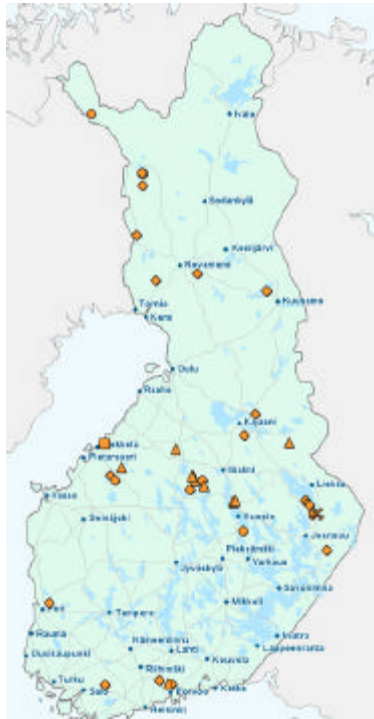




Movement  
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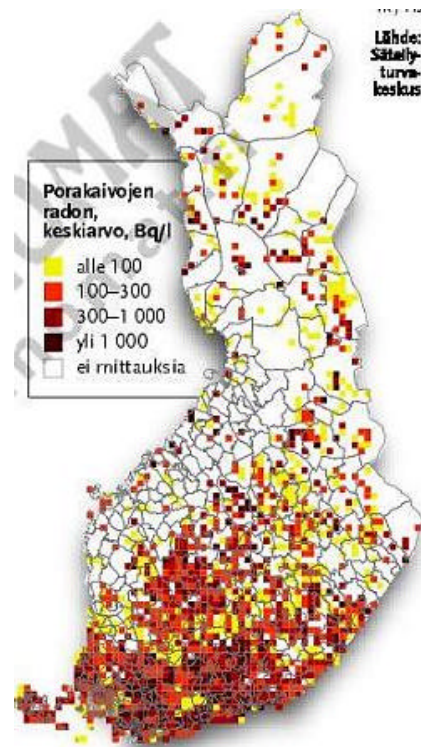
Ydinenergia ja uraani vastatuulella! Vanha ylioppilastalo, Helsinki 26.4.2007. Tuomo Tormulainen

## Uranium claims in Finland 1955 -



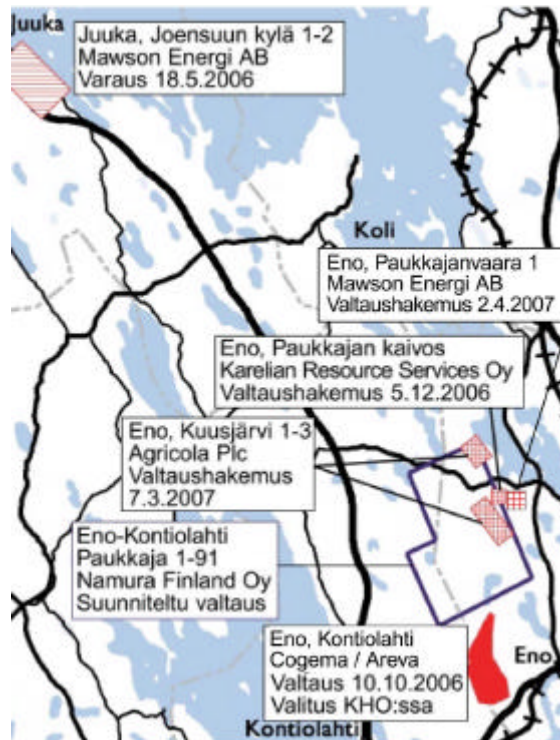
- over 600 uranium claims, one mine in Paukkajanvaara 1958-61
- most of them: Helsinki surroundings, North Karelia, Kuusamo, Western Lapland
- Atomivoima, amateurs, business mens, Imatran Voima, Outokumpu Oy, GTK
- Geological Survey of Finland (GTK). Systematic ore survey since 1885
- geologically well known country

## Radon in drilled wells



- uranium splits  $\downarrow$  radon
- may indicate uranium deposit
- people live in southern Finland so most checked wells are there
- not very much survey in Eastern and Northern Finland
- Karelidian mountains, 2-3 milliard years old (Koli)
- same kind of ground than in uranium areas for example in Canada

## Situation in North Karelia



Cogema / Areva 16 km<sup>2</sup> claim.  
(Complaints in Highest Court, land-owners and Regional Environment Center)

Claim applications 5 km<sup>2</sup> (Agricola Plc, Karelian Resource Services Oy, Mawson Energi AB)

Claim reservation 16 km<sup>2</sup>  
(Mawson Energi AB 19.5.06)

gossip: Namura Finland Oy.  
Claim application is coming?  
**91 km<sup>2</sup>**



## The origins of the Movement against uranium mining in North Karelia

- The movement born 3.3.2006
- The Finnish Association for Nature Conservation
- Cogema / Areva claim application
- No information, uncertainty about future, lack on knowledge, "What happens?"
- Spontaneous local activity rises in Eno and Kontiolahti counties
- Local Nature Conservation Societies came with
- Informal wider organisation: "**Movement against uranium mining in North Karelia**".



## Why we are against uranium mines

- uranium mine maybe brings some job, but same time it takes them of and blocks new work. Bioenergy will give thousand new jobs for example in North Karelia.
- tourism and other nature based business are important in Finland and those are possible only in clean nature
- in whole world is lack of clean water. We have big resources of clear groundwater in Finland. Why to spoil these.
- It has said that we have moral duty to allow uranium mines, because we use nuclear power. We say, that it is moral duty to oppose nuclear power, so environments all over the world will survive.



## Why we are against exploring uranium

- We live on or beside uranium
- claim reservation–claim–mine –process is long, uncertainty for years, reverse Lotto.
- Ei helpota yhtään, kun sanotaan:”Kaivoksen tuleminen on erittäin epätodennäköistä, eikä etsiminen ole vaarallista.” Silti se vaikuttaa kaikkeen meidän elämään uhkana.
- Ei helpota yhtään, kun sanotaan:”Uraanikaivos on aivan tavallinen kaivos.” Esimerkit maailmalla puhuvat toista.
- Miten jonkun kaivosyhtiön taloudellinen etu voi olla tärkeämpi kuin meidän pohjois-karjalaisten elämänpiiri.
- Jos kaivos tulee, meidän pitää muuttaa pois.



## Principles of action

- everybody is welcome to plan activities and everybody is needed in work
- movement is politically neutral, people of every political parties are working together
- we are looking for critical knowledge
- we are working together with local environment authorities
- we don't plan to quit. This process takes maybe 20-30 years



## Everyday action

- <http://uraatieto.tormunet.fi>
- e-mail lists, Uranium News
- meetings, trips to nature
- public events where specialists speak
- media
- arts and culture



## Art, culture and economy

### **ATOMI-ILTAMAT**

JOENSUUSSA LAUANTAINA 20.1.2007

Uraanikaivoksetoman Pohjois-Karjalan puolesta



**Konservatorion auditorio (Rantak. 31) kello 14-17**

Pääsymaksu 5€, lapset ilmaiseksi.

Tuotot uraanikaivosten vastaiseen toimintaan.

Fiddle Of Crath / Volkswagen / Anneli Haltia / Ville Härkönen duo /  
Joel Sottisi / Sanna Kurki-Suonio / Liise Kuusipalo / Roukarija /  
Erikki Räsänen / Henry Räsänen ja Anneli Mahlamäki / Esko-Pekka  
Tiitinen / Vaaräpyöra

**Ravintola Wanha Jokela kello 21-02 Vapaa pääsy / K18**

Dundee Brothers / Volkswagen / Häihtuvi nuoruus feat. Mikko  
Tohkanen / Marko Sillanpää

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ystävät sekä Enon ja Kontiolahden luonnonystävät

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20€



**One Uranium Devil**