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Dean Abrahamson was professor and director of the technology, energy, and environmental policy program at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota for 25 years prior to assuming Emeritus status (and joining the ranks of the under employed) in 1998. He has held tenured professorships at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Institute of Technology, College of Liberal Arts, and Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. He has been a member of the University of Minnesota graduate faculties in biophysical sciences, conservation biology, geology & geophysics, planning & public affairs, and water resources science.

His primary professional interest has been in the intersection of energy and environmental policies, trying to understand the policy implications of the greenhouse effect and climatic change, and the choice between nuclear and renewable energy supplies.

His formal training includes: B.S. in physics and mathematics from Gustavus Adolphus College, M.A. in physics from the University of Nebraska, and Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Minnesota.

He has been employed as a nuclear reactor physicist with the Babcock and Wilcox Company and as senior research scientist with Honeywell, Inc. He has served on more committees than he likes to remember and as a consultant to various firms and U.S., international, national and state agencies. He was special advisor to the Swedish Minister of Energy from 1977 to 1980. He has held visiting appointments at the Swedish Royal Institute of Technology, the Institute for Theoretical Physics at Chalmers Institute of Technology in Göteborg, Sweden, and the Faculties of Engineering and of Social Sciences at the University of Iceland. He was visiting or acting professor at the Department of Environmental and Energy Systems, Lund University, Lund, Sweden from 1990 through 1995, and a part-time guest professor at the Department of Physical Resource Theory, Chalmers Technical University, Göteborg, Sweden off and on since 1995.

He has been a Trustee of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) since 1972, and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the Scientists Institute for Public Information.

Since his retirement from the University of Minnesota he has become an amateur historian focusing on the Swedish immigration to Minnesota.