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For what it may be worth:

In 1970 I was the only Radiologist in Jackson County and about the only resident with any training or experience in dealing with radioactive materials. It was about this time that the Bellefonte site for a nuclear powered electricity generating plant was first proposed. In the next couple of years, acting as the Radiation Safety Officer for the Jackson County Health Department, I examined the proposal, its details and the possibility of risk for the people of my County. It was my conclusion then (as it is today), that there is virtually no risk and that the benefits for our area and for the country as a whole are substantial. In the 35-year interval since construction began there have been technological advances in the construction of nuclear power plants that reduces further the extremely remote possibility of a problem. It should further be noted, despite what the opponents of this project might say, that there is no problem that could occur with such a facility that would threaten the lives or the genetics of us or our progeny.

Nuclear power is cleaner, greener, less polluting, less space occupying and generally less expensive than any of the alternatives that will be shrilly advocated at this and other public meetings. I hope that the decision makers involved will encourage completion of the Bellefonte Nuclear Power Plant.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Gibson, MD

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