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Nuclear power is not a solution to our modern energy needs. There are economic and environmental as well as social problems with nuclear power that are not present in renewable sources of energy and in natural gas.

Nuclear power is more expensive than natural gas or renewables. Nuclear power is expensive from taxpayer subsidy of various safety issues due to no available private insurance, to taxpayer subsidies to fund homeland security to protect the plants to prevent terrorism, to taxpayer subsidies to provide storage for the tons of nuclear waste. Billions in taxpayer money is spent in nuclear power research and development.

The people of the uranium mining states and the uranium miners are exposed to radioactive mining wastes, resulting in lung disease and cancers such as thyroid cancer. The water and the land used in farming these states are adversely affected.

In the future, water may be more precious especially in times of drought. Nuclear power uses more water than any other energy source.

The estimates for the cost of developing wind, solar and other renewables, and natural gas utilization are less than the estimates for new nuclear plants especially in view of the cost overruns for nuclear plants.

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