

LevyCEM Resource

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Dear Sir and/or Madam,

I am greatly angered by the audacity of the NRC for allowing the investors to build a double reactor in Levy County. Aside from the nonsensical, and I might add astronomical, cost for such a **HUGE** time-consuming dinosaur, the environmental and safety concerns are staggering.

The fact is, nuclear power has never recovered from the crises that hit three decades ago with the reactor fire at Browns Ferry, Alabama in 1975, the meltdown at Three Mile Island in 1979, followed by the Chernobyl meltdown in 1986. The last nuclear power plant ordered by a US utility, the TVA's Watts Bar 1 began construction in 1973 and took 23 years to complete. The steady decline since that time has seen almost as many plants canceled as completed. In fact, the nuclear power industry has been one of the greatest industrial failures of modern times.

Another problem is that Wall Street does not like the nuclear industry because of the huge risk factors involved. Many folks remember huge cost overruns, ignored safety inspections, and deep pocket corruption which brings up my next question:

In a time when money is so tight, and clean, and relatively cheap energy sources are begging to be developed, why is the NRC so hot to allow the nuclear industry to push such a risky a venture on us?

Who will be paying for this project? Public subsidies (us) rate increases (us).

Enough said about the money issues.

The safety concerns are enormous. Currently, most nuclear power plants are reaching the ends of their lives, and will have to be decommissioned and there is still no plan to safely compensate for the nuclear waste which is stored onsite at every one of these accidents waiting to happen. These spent fuel rods will be hot for 10,000 years.

Meanwhile, partially burned uranium is stored at these old power plants in pools of water called Spent fuel pools and lye near large cities, on waterways, in rural (Levy County) areas and small towns, posing potentially catastrophic risks, among them, terrorist attacks.

Don't forget, in a facility that stores an average quantity of spent fuel, around 450 metric tons, a meltdown or terrorist attack would kill 25,000 people over a distance of 500 miles **if** evacuation were perfect. So, I ask, why is the NRC willing to allow this risk? I'd be willing to bet not one investor lives downstream from any of their facilities.

The environmental negatives of such a project are obvious, and I don't need to elaborate extensively on them. The science does not support nuclear power as a viable alternative to greenhouse gases. Nuclear power distracts us from the real viable alternative fuels that don't pollute and add to the greenhouse effect. Solar, wind, geothermal and other clean fuel technologies are the only answer to our energy future.

Oppose the Levy County Plant

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