

Rulemaking Comments

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To the honorable folks at NRC,

It has come to my attention that, in the absence the ability to store radioactive waste in a permanent repository by the end of this year that the rules are simply going to be changed. An analogy one might use is that rather than get out of a hole one has dug, one chooses to dig the hole deeper. I was an exchange student in Sweden in the mid 70's when that country took an entire day off work and the citizens studied the issue of nuclear energy and voted on whether or not to continue their nuclear energy program. In the resulting referendum, the people voted resoundingly to halt their program because there was no long term nuclear waste solution. Ironically, it was the Swedes who first detected the Chernobyl tragedy many years later. There are many other less costly (both economically and environmentally) options for generating our electrical power needs going forward. If we change rules to mask the real costs of technologies such as nuclear, markets are skewed with false data and decision making processes are affected adversely. I am opposed to this thinly veiled ploy to mask the true costs of nuclear power going forward. Please see below the quote I now use to sign all my emails. I urge you to enlist both your conscience and reason in your decision making processes on this issue which has ramifications many thousands of years into the future.

Thinking on the sunny side,

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As Øystein Dahle, former Vice President of Exxon for Norway and the North Sea, has observed: "Socialism collapsed because it did not allow the market to tell the economic truth. Capitalism may collapse because it does not allow the market to tell the ecological truth."

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