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General Comment

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Actually the entire issue of money in the nuclear industry is troubling. This is an aging fleet with continuous and expensive problems. (Double your Trouble With Nuclear Power Counterpunch 12-5-12.) I would like to know how sound financially is the industry, and if the nuclear industry can operate all the way thru the nuclear fuel cycle safely with sufficient funds available in a timely fashion.

I have many issues and comments which I shall submit as soon as I can. I point out that this is a timely and serious issue that deserves and merits a longer comment period than one that ends the day after a National Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Lewis

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