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I live in Illinois, which is home to more nuclear reactors than in any other state.

The more I learn about reactors, their operation, their impact on communities, the more I realize the sacrifice that my family and community are being asked to make for the enrichment of an industry that is dishonest, and sadly by government officials that are pawns of a hugely powerful lobby. This is an industry that is propped up by loan guarantees and taxpayer subsidies, not by Wall Street. Any decisions being made by DOE, the NRC, Congress, and even the President are compromised by limitless dollars infused by the nuclear power industry. This is about politics, not science.

If science were paramount, there is no way on earth that nuclear power would prevail over truly clean energy development like wind and solar. (Apparently, not enough campaign contributions being made by those folks.) The public has been lied to since the get-go on the most basic question of safety. It is as though Fukushima never happened. But it did. And 4 of the same model reactors are the reality for my state. Mishaps at Illinois' reactors are commonplace occurrences. We are repeatedly told that tritium leaks are benign. They are not. Fuel pools are filled beyond their designs. We have become a terrorist target. Our health is being compromised. Witness the leukemia studies conducted not only in England and France, but the one here in Illinois focused on the Clinton reactor.

In your rush to promote nuclear energy, you have put the cart before the horse. Your generic proposals as in the G EIS are an insult and nothing more than a quickie means of bypassing the kinds of responsible studies that actually would require depth and breadth. There is simply no evidence of that here. Just politics as usual. How can you even contemplate moving forward when the National Academy of Sciences is only **beginning** to study the health impacts? That in itself is deplorable.

Whatever happened to the adage “err on the side of caution”? Is there no such thought process when it comes to the NRC making decisions about nuclear safety? Your actions do not seriously take our health into consideration.

I praise the court for intervening. I have no confidence in a process that continues to produce waste without a safe way in which to dispose of it. The fact is that there is no safe level of radiation. Stop making it. Stop licensing it. Stop relicensing it. STOP!

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