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## **General Comment**

We should be leading the world in the development of new nuclear technologies. The possibility of other countries like India and China developing economically and technologically disruptive technology before America is a very real. We need a regulatory environment that will allow nuclear industry competition to develop in an accelerated time frame. Technologies like Fast Breeder reactors and MSR thorium reactors need to become more competitive here at home. The founding research was conducted in the USA, but due to our own policies it is now being pursued vigorously beyond our borders rather than at the technology's birthplace. What is missing in the strategic plan of the NRC is lack of competition fostered for new technologies and research. The NRC has a profound influence on the CNSC (Our regulator here in Canada).

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