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General Comment

We believe one of the things to be lacking in the mission of the NRC is the lack of competition. It is true that security is mentioned in their mission but we believe that is most often interpreted as meaning military applications, such as powering nuclear submarines and aircraft carriers. The Energy From Thorium Foundation believes that to keep America's national interest secure that we should be leading the world in the development of new nuclear technologies. This is due to economic considerations and the possibility of another country developing and economically and technologically disruptive technology before America. We believe that submissions that help to amend the strategic plan to include competition will help bolster the argument that America needs to be developing a thorium based Molten Salt Reactor and we need a regulatory environment that will allow industry to develop this technology in an accelerated time from (i.e. competitive time frame).

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