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General Comment

We are at a crossroads considering the state of the environment right now. Damage done by our demand for energy is going to be irreparable. We are killing the goose that laid the golden egg when we kill the ability of the earth to provide us with clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, soil that is fertile and not contaminated with pollutants that render our food toxic. Although nuclear energy will add less pollution to the atmosphere, it poses a serious danger of radiation contamination. Technology to contain the waste materials is not sufficient.

Spending public and/or private money in the billions of dollars on this old technology is misguided. All efforts should be focused on renewables. Wind power, solar, and water power can provide what we need. Investing in these new technologies will also produce more jobs and economic prosperity.

Renewables also would provide real energy independence. Not the temporary fix, but a constant source of energy. These sources also provide resilience in times of crisis, since the energy is produced close to where it is consumed.

Our children's future depends on choosing the right energy source now. Short term profits should not cloud the issue. The choice is clear--no new nuclear power plants.

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