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General Comment

This comment is for the viewers of this docket:

The radiation we are exposed to everyday is less than it was when our very distant ancestors left the oceans and crawled out on dry land. So why is there this 'fear' of the very basis of life itself? Why is nuclear so demonized among the zealots demanding humans "denuclearize" the planet? Is there another agenda that has nothing to do with radiation but with another form of human behavior?

Energy in the form of carbon and radiation are the very staples of animal life here on earth. To decarbonize or denuclearize those energy sources would be one of the greatest immoralities by mankind. Radiation has never been an evolutionary threat to the biota and that is why we don't have any detection sensory for it. In other words, we have no biological Geiger counter for sensing radiation. We can't see it, feel it, taste it, hear it or smell it.

There isn't a spot anywhere on earth without background radiation. It comes from natural uranium and thorium and their decay products in the earth's crust, from a naturally radioactive form of potassium (in foods), from cosmic radiation, and many other sources. Humans and all life on the planet have evolved in a naturally radioactive environment.

This fear of nuclear radiation is irrational when you understand what is safe and not safe. All countries have taken safe guards to contain high levels of radiation. Three major 'exposure' accidents and several minor incidents from nuclear energy from around the world has not ended up as a nuclear catastrophe. Fear of nuclear has resulted in several financial disasters. Nuclear is a controlled risk.

I would prefer the Holtec Hi-Store CIS in New Mexico over the competitive site at WCS in West Texas.