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General Comment

Until such time as energy markets recognize all the externalized costs of our various energy sources, nuclear power plants will be financially stressed when competing with cheap natural gas plants and heavily subsidized renewable sources. There should be a well-define, minimal cost option for operators to be able to return a power reactor to service without having to start from scratch, so that the huge sunk cost of these plants is not lost forever if they are shut down for non-technical reasons. Criteria should be as simple as possible, and without "loopholes" that would prevent the plant from being restarted due to a technicality that was missed when it was shut down.