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Dear Mr. Bryson:

A number of years ago my mother and sister, upon the advice of a broker, invested a modest sum in a California Public Utility being advised that such an investment would provide income and reasonably protect their investment. They are both dead now and I own the securities. The catch is that it is no longer much of a deal for an elderly person.

The reason seems to be that regulatory commissions are inclined to pay more attention to the Jane Fondas and the type of goons which she seems to attract than to the facts. Goons which increase the price which the elderly pay for power by delaying construction of nuclear facilities and by destroying property (Seabrook, N.H.) in which the elderly may have invested their life savings. I cannot see thousands of the elderly wasting gasoline to stage a protest at a Jane Fonda movie.

Now for a few facts.

1. The Three Mile Island incident involved apparently faulty design, faulty operation, improper maintenance, personnel failure and inadequate instructions. Despite these flaws the operation was still so safe that not a life was lost.

As far as I know there has not been a life lost as the result of a nuclear power plant failure.

2. The Sun-Isolated instances of burns and fires.
3. Wind- Many cases of falls and collapsed mills.
4. Hydro-Electric-Many-My nephew has been called upon to fish drowned persons out of power dams.
5. Coal- The Knox Disaster and many others.
6. Oil-North Sea Rig Collapse and many others.

At the present period in time it would appear that nuclear energy is the safest source of energy that there is.

There could be some potential danger but it is not proven. On the other hand the danger of taking a bath is well documented. Should we eliminate bath tubs.

Very truly yours

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