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I am writing about the nuclear power plant you are considering building just west of Houston. I have worked in the metallurgical dept. of Ayrone Steel for four years and I am concerned about what I believe are some unanswered questions.

A recent article that is generally held to be accurate states that the spent materials in this reactor will be deadly for 10,000 years. Is a group or bureaucracy to be created that will monitor and guard this material for 10,000 years? How will records be maintained on length of life of containers and even their location. It seems that in light of storage accidents at Galveston and the 30,000 barrels off New Jersey that there are many questions to be answered about safe storage. The collapse of a salt dome in Louisiana brings up doubts about their

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safety as well. The problem of safely storing this ever growing volume of materials could be greatly reduced by going to a coal powered operation. The idea that some small risks are necessary is not valid when even the slightest error could result in an unimaginable disaster. Those advocating putting up with this margin of error are not the same ones who will be taking the risks involved with living so near this plant. There are other options available in this case.

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