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General Comment

Hi,

Apologies for the informality of this message, but I find it quite alarming that construction has already begun on the Natrium reactor prior to regulatory approval. It comes across arrogant, and not commensurate of the associated risks. The only reason we have a nuclear power industry is because these risks were not disregarded so casually. I hope we are not barreling headlong into a world where wealth provides entitlement to disregard regulatory bodies, or where economic and public relations concerns take priority over long-established health, safety, and environmental review processes.

Regulatory review is a process that must be taken seriously, and it should not be hand-waved away because "it's a step that sounds bureaucratic." (1) I am not convinced that nuclear energy is an industry that benefits from the silicon valley ethos of disruptive innovation, which is an ethos that has caused Santa Clara county to host the largest number of superfund cleanup sites of any county in the US. Particularly as research emerges to suggest that use of HALEU alone is not sufficient to prevent risk of weapons proliferation (2), a point on which the design is fundamentally based, I would strongly encourage you to consider denying the permit.

1. <https://www.gatesnotes.com/Wyoming-TerraPower-groundbreaking>

2. <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.ado8693>

Thank you.