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Sir

In any age of enlightenment there are growing pains and, perhaps, a bit of stumbling as humankind moves into new realms of experience and knowledge. We have slowly been emerging from an old, outmoded way of thinking about energy production and consumption. The good news is that there are exciting, innovative and safe energy production ideas coming forth; strong indications that a modern world can find ways to produce energy and maintain a sense of responsibility to the resources and people therein.

The frightening news, on the otherhand, is that there is now a strong push to use weapons-grade plutonium in a combined fuel source (MOX) for nuclear power plants to produce electricity.

For those of us, in particular, who are literally surrounded by such facilities, the thought of such a plan seem nightmarish at best. Consider the unthinkable: an unprecedented accident; the chaotic response to an untested evacuation plan. These and other possibilities lead me to implore those in the decision making process to think beyond the here and now and abandon this course.

Please extend the comment deadline and consider alternate paths.

We must act with a sense of conviction and responsibility to our children and grandchildren. Thei legacy should be one of safe, renewable sources of energy, not dealing with the task of disposing of and maintaining our dangerous waste.

Thank you,
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