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One of the important and obvious things to be said about decommissioning nuclear power plants is that it is expensive, potentially dangerous and nearly unprecedented. We appreciate that entombment is now being considered.

It ought to be equally obvious that

1. Since a satisfactory waste isolation solution evades us (we do not agree with Secretary Abraham that Yucca Mountain is a suitable repository based on science – the DOE itself admits that the site is not geologically suitable and the GAO raises serious questions about the selection process).

2. That a serious accident or terrorist act in this industry could be catastrophic, leaving immense fatalities, injuries, future cancer victims and vast areas uninhabitable for years

3. That without public subsidy (via Price-Anderson) nuclear power is economically untenable

4. Given these factors the complete phase-out of nuclear power should be a high priority. Alternative power sources such as wind, solar, hydrogen fuel cell [and conservation] should be vigorously pursued in its stead.

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