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General Comment

We currently have no technically viable solution for safe, long-term storage (or disposal) of nuclear waste that has accumulated from 60(+) years of commercial nuclear power production -- and from other sources.

Until such time that there is a bona fide solution to this difficult problem, it is IMPERATIVE that we do whatever is necessary to eliminate further production of these catastrophically toxic substances. All existing sources of commercial nuclear power must be shut down, and their repositories of nuclear waste must be secured against human mischief and environmental upheaval by every means at our disposal. Long-term storage of nuclear waste from medical sources and munitions must also be addressed with similar levels of vigilance.

The vulnerability of the population of United States to sources of radioactive contamination from outside our borders must be studied and disclosed, including ongoing risks associated with the nuclear accident at Fukushima Dai'ichi. What would be our strategy for dealing with nuclear waste and contamination that would arise from an event of similar magnitude in the United States?