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General Comment

According to the Nuclear Energy Institute, there are currently 39 nuclear reactors being decommissioned right now. (1) And while it is important to decommission these reactors safely and efficiently, the more pressing issue is why are we shutting down these nuclear reactors when the price of electricity by kilowatt-hour has almost doubled in the last 20 years. (2) With power prices being at an all-time high it makes no sense to shut down these nuclear reactors. On top of this, the decommissioning of these reactors will leave a shortage of power that will need to be replaced. And with inadequate sources of clean power, fossil fuels will be used to fill the gap. The decommissioning of these reactors will either lead to a shortage of power or subsequently higher prices. Or CO2 emissions will go up due to the increased power demand. With no major issues with these reactors rather than a lack of regulatory maintenance, it makes little sense to be poaching these reactors with the downsides are so severe.

<https://www.nei.org/resources/statistics/decommissioning-status-for-shutdown-us-plants> (1)

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/183700/us-average-retail-electricity-price-since-1990/> (2)