

Dear Oregon Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

I am writing to you today to voice my concern that modular nuclear-fueled thermal power plants may be allowed to be installed in our state as a source of electricity; a thant; they are deemed "clean" energy sources, while , that: the energy generated by such reactors would then be sold to other parties ( even before, being utilized to meet our state's energy needs).

I do not consider any energy source which generates the inherently toxic by- products that ordinary nuclear reactors produce, to be clean. And furthermore, I believe placement of such facilities in our state, without the existence of a properly operated and federally licenced depository for the waste that they produce, would be in violation of a very worthy law. I believe that; the proposal to place such reactors in our state has been made in haste and the misguided perception that Oregonians are willing to use whatever means to shift from fossil fuel and toward a carbon neutral economy. I think that our state has not been proactive in encouraging our state's economy to shift to solar and other less toxic sources of energy which do not produce toxic waste. Please keep the momentum toward finding creative and truly clean sources of energy , going.

Please reject Senate Bill 360. Thank you for your work on this topic, and also, for your considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

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