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I am opposed to weakening the requirements for construction, and opposed to the further development and construction of nuclear energy sources in Oregon. The half-life of nuclear wastes alone should cause us pause to not inflict those wastes on our descendants many centuries in the future. Even the cost of maintaining these wastes safely is irresponsible and uneconomic. Indeed, very few communities will even accept the wastes! We look back on the many mistakes and costly clean up of the wastes from Hanford and the WPSS. We need to have learned from these mistakes.

I am concerned about the ways that radioactive materials are mined, causing further environmental destruction, often in areas without the means to adequately protect themselves from the resulting problems.

I prefer that Oregon invest its energy future in more efficient, less waste producing, and less accident-prone technologies such as wind, solar and energy storage.