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Please consider the wisdom of populating the country with small modular nuclear power generation units -

(1) how to handle the waste from multiple locations - not just disposing of it in some economical and safe manner, but also the ability safely transport the waste over our nations roads and highways and to process the waste, including demobilizing and disassembling the units at the end of their useful life.

(2) how to prevent protestors and/or terrorists from targeting multiple small nuclear units for damage/destruction that if it were to occur, would present a clear, severe, and long lasting threat to the health of our country - people and the environment at large.

(3) how to not only find a sufficient number of highly qualified operations and maintenance personnel for multiple locations, but additional personnel trained to safely respond to emergencies to protect the public.

(4) how to deal with the anxiety these units would cause among many members of the populace.

Given the above considerations, approval of the manufacture and distribution of these units does not seem to be in our interests. The proposed location in Umatilla County seems to recognize the potential safety hazards and negative public opinion regarding these units - a remote area with little population. Please do not approve HB 2410.