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The idea of building a nuclear power plant in Umatillo County is unwise for many reasons and dangerous for many more.

We still haven't cleaned up Hanford, just across the river. Nuclear waste lasts for thousands to millions of years, and it can kill us slowly or quickly, depending on exposure.

Nuclear power is a long-term investment with ensuing high costs; whereas, renewable energy is more immediate, safer, and reasonably priced. Let's not lose the opportunity we have NOW to harness sustainable, low cost energy.

Why do we want to insert a dangerous form of energy production to Oregon when it is not needed and opens us to the risks of terrorism and sabotage? And to the dangers of radiation for workers, citizens, water, agricultural lands, and our air?

The risk of earthquakes, extreme weather, fires and drought make this project untenable. Let's not risk catastrophe, and let's not spend limited resources on a project that has high costs and risky returns.