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Nuclear energy created by fission has well-known risks and side-effects.

We have a limited budget. There is no point in looking into nuclear energy at this point in history---until fusion is a viable alternative.

With climate change bringing us drought and wildfires, with the risks of earthquakes and extreme weather, we cannot propose to take on the enormous risks associated with nuclear power. Maybe it's time to stop bit-coin mining and scale back on AI instead of risking our lives, water, agricultural land, and health to another nuclear project.

Let's clean up Hanford properly, encapsulating the waste in glass, before we even think of more projects.

We all know about Three-Mile Island, Chernobyl, and Fukushima. That knowledge should be enough to dissuade us from funding another study.

Let's be glad that we have sun, wind, and water to produce sustainable energy in Oregon and keep our state clean and safe.