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The nuclear industry is notoriously ruthless and deceptive, so FirstEnergy's bribes to pass HB 6 and prevent its repeal were no surprise. Past falsehoods include:

- **Electricity too cheap to meter (1)** - Perry and Davis Besse cost \$8.7 billion and billions more in maintenance, repairs, and subsidies. **(2) (3) (4)**
- **Radioactive waste removed in five years (5)** - Unheeded warnings to resolve lethal waste before licensing reactors **(6)** means 88,000 tons sit in problematic pools and casks at 75 environmentally unsuitable reactor sites in 33 states. **(7)** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) admits this waste will leak because no structure can last the eons required to protect humans and the environment. **(8)**
- **One in 1,000,000,000 serious accident chance. (9)** - Disasters occurred at Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, and Fukushima from 1979-2011, and elsewhere since the 1950s. **(10)** There are 23 Fukushima-type reactors at 16 U.S. sites. **(11)** The NRC and others predict a 50% chance of another catastrophic accident in approximately 20 years. **(12)**

The 1957 Price Anderson Act limits liability to \$12.6 billion. **(13)** A 1982 NRC study calculated a severe accident could cause 50,000 fatalities and \$314 billion in property damage which is \$720 billion today. **(14)** No private insurers cover reactor accidents. The NRC claims states will cover "injury, sickness, death, property damage, loss, and living expenses for evacuees." **(15)**

Dr. Gregory Jaczko, Ph.D, former NRC Chairman, is the latest expert to warn, "I oversaw the U.S. nuclear power industry. Now I think it should be banned. The danger from climate change no longer outweighs the risks of nuclear accidents." **(16)**

"Today's problems come from yesterday's `solutions'" **(17)** is a warning to distrust claims that nuclear power is:

- **"Indispensable"** - In 2018, grid operator PJM, determined that closing Perry and Davis-Besse would not destabilize the grid. **(18)** Other reactors have closed without consequence. **(19)**
- **"Carbon-free"** - Reactors produce and emit greenhouse gases like methane and radioactive Carbon-14, a highly volatile, biologically damaging, long-lived carbon isotope. **(20) (21)**

Energy experts like Dr. Benjamin Sovacool, Ph.D conclude that the nuclear life cycle emits more greenhouse gases per kWh than all renewables; carbon emissions are twice those of solar photovoltaic and six times more than wind or energy efficiency. **(22)**

- **"Clean"** - "A 1,000 MW reactor contains as much long-lived radiation as...1,000 Hiroshima-sized bombs." **(23)** Nuclear plants routinely leak and release into air, soil, and water deadly carcinogens, teratogens, and mutagens which are chemically indistinguishable from non-radioactive, life-sustaining elements. Scientists and physicians have determined that there is no safe dose or threshold of radiation exposure. **(24)**

Strontium-90 and cesium-137 replace calcium and potassium inducing bone and muscle cancer. Iodine-131 causes thyroid cancer. Cobalt-60 is a liver, kidney, and bone carcinogen. **(25)** Specks of inhaled plutonium-239, with a 24,000-year half-life, cause lung cancer. **(26)** Tritium - radioactive hydrogen - leaks from miles of buried, inaccessible, deteriorating pipes and cannot be removed from contaminated water. **(27)**

The NRC extends all reactor licenses no matter their operating record, **(28)**, and routinely waives and defers inspections, standards, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades. **(29)**

- **"Renewable"** - Uranium is a finite, non-renewable resource.

Ohio was 13th in the U.S. for wind power until a 2014 Ohio law severely restricted wind turbines, renewables, and efficiency; HB 6 eliminated them. **(30)**

Ohioans, including conservatives, strongly prefer solar, wind, and efficiency, oppose reactor subsidies, and consider HB 6 "a corporate welfare slush fund" that should be repealed. **(31) (32)**

Ohio must strengthen renewable energy and efficiency; reverse wind turbine restrictions; quickly phase out and close Perry and Davis Besse, and retrain workers in renewable energy jobs.

END NOTES

1. "Too cheap to meter..."

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“Conservative estimates suggest that the nuclear industry has received more than \$85 billion in subsidies.” (in 2009 dollars)

<https://www.taxpayer.net/energy-natural-resources/nuclear-power-subsidies/> (in 2009 dollars)

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“Lovins notes that the U.S. nuclear industry has received \$100 billion in government subsidies over the past half-century.”

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“...there so many different types of subsidies — but it amounts to a figure, whether we calculate in dollars, euros or pounds, in the hundreds of billions.” (In 2016 dollars)

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6. Unheeded warnings

From 1946-1950, David Lilienthal chaired the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), predecessor of the present-day NRC which was created in 1974. His candid 1963 book *Change, Hope and the Bomb* was extremely critical of commercial nuclear power and radioactive waste:

“During the years since the first AEC, has the problem of disposition of these poisonous, radioactive wastes been made demonstrably manageable, either as to the danger or the cost? The answer is No!

Should not a program of large-scale atomic reactors wait at least until it is demonstrated that this waste-poison problem is decisively licked? Until such time, I believe that the future of atomic energy is in grave doubt. The risks may limit or even eliminate a nation-wide atomic-energy program.”

Lilienthal, David E., *Change, Hope and the Bomb* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1963), pp. 135-137.

<https://ia600200.us.archive.org/18/items/changehopeandthe013184mbp/changehopeandthe013184mbp.pdf>

The renowned international scientific body PUGWASH stated at its 23rd Conference in 1973:

“No general solution for the isolation of long-lived radioactive wastes from the biosphere, necessary for many of thousands of years, is yet in hand...`experts' still disagree on whether any proposals will suffice...It is impossible to be complacent about expansion in the use of nuclear power without having a solution in hand.”

Lash, Terry. R, Bryson, John E., and Cotton, Richard, “Citizens' Guide: the national debate on the handling of radioactive wastes from nuclear power plants” (Palo Alto, CA: Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., 1975), p. 2.

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PUGWASH

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7. Spent fuel pools and dry casks (Note conversion of metric tons to tons.)

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Spent Fuel Pool Problems

Pools are not under robust containment like the reactor, itself, making accidents or attacks more likely to cause a disastrous release of radiation. The NRC admits that irradiated fuel which has been cooled in pools for decades could spontaneously combust if overheated due to partial water drainage or contact with air resulting from a loss of power, pump circulation failure, pool puncture from loading dry casks or a terrorist attack. A resulting fire could be catastrophic.

However, the NRC continues to minimize and inadequately address the vulnerability of spent fuel pools to accidents, attacks, and fires, justifying its position, in part, by assuming that populations in the 10 mile Emergency Planning Zones (EPZs) will be successfully evacuated. This assumption ignores the inadequacy of unproven evacuation plans and the fact that spent fuel can and will remain in pools long after reactor closure.

Further, the NRC can exempt utilities from maintaining EPZs within a mere 12-18 months after reactor shutdown. How can populations be evacuated if EPZs have been eliminated?

Problems are exacerbated by the increased use of high burn-up fuel which is thermally hotter, requiring cooling in spent fuel pools for a minimum of 20 years; more than twice as radioactive as lower burn-up fuel; and more susceptible to damage, cladding embrittlement, and storage instability than fuel initially used in commercial reactors. There is no way to transfer high burn-up fuel to dry cask storage.

Through incompetence, negligence, non-disclosure, and falsification, the nuclear industry ignored or hid spent fuel pool leaks of radioactive effluent (including Cobalt-60, cesium-137, and especially tritium) into soil and groundwater. (See Notes 23-

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Dry-cask storage problems

Dry casks are much more costly than spent fuel pools. "A dry-cask storage facility at a plant can cost as much as \$20 million to build and \$7 million a year to maintain, according to the industry group Nuclear Energy Institute."

<https://republicans-energycommerce.house.gov/news/press-release/long-term-repository-needed-nuclear-waste-continues-pile/>

Casks are made of concrete, steel, and neutron shielding materials. Thin, metal inner canisters are loaded underwater in the spent fuel pools, the water is pumped out, and the lids are welded or bolted shut. Inner canister temperatures can reach 400 degrees F due to continued radioactive decay. The canisters are transferred outdoors to concrete silos or bunkers which sit on concrete pads where they are vulnerable terrorist targets. Dry casks are certified generically for 20 years meaning public hearings are prohibited, and the casks are approved with no site-specific study and no environmental impact statement.

Problems surfaced almost immediately with dry cask use. The NRC allowed manufacturers to build casks BEFORE issuing a certificate of compliance. There have been numerous quality control and quality assurance problems with Holtec, NUHOMS, TN-40, VSC-24 casks and others. There have been well documented departures from design and technical specifications, use of potentially inferior materials, structural integrity issues, and weld failures as well as problems with the concrete pads, themselves, at, for example, the Dresden reactor in Illinois. These concrete pads and casks weighing over 100 tons have been placed on unstable, sandy, erosion-prone soils like those at the Palisades reactor on the shores of Lake Michigan.

At the Davis Besse reactor in Ohio, fully loaded NUHOMS casks were built below technical specifications with poor quality aggregate in the outer concrete shells, and welds were ground too thin. The NRC reported in 2000 that a loaded TN-32 cask at the Surry plant in Virginia developed six inch long cracks in its outer concrete shield, loose bolts, and a helium leak.

Perhaps most disturbing have been the "hydrogen ignition incidents" (explosions) with the VSC-24 casks, most notably on May 28, 1996 at the Point Beach reactor in Wisconsin and in June 1999 at Palisades in Michigan.

Human error or equipment failure in moving loaded canisters could have catastrophic consequences. Dropping an empty or loaded canister inside the fuel pool building could severely damage critical safety equipment and impact the integrity of the entire pool. In some GE boiling water reactors (Fukushima-type Mark I), irradiated fuel storage pools are several stories high, making cask movement even more dangerous and potentially disastrous. A near-miss occurred on May 13, 1995 at Prairie Island in Minnesota when a loaded, 120 ton TN-40 canister became stuck and dangled precariously for 16 hours over the spent fuel pool which contained tons of irradiated fuel that had been stored for over 22 years. In August 2018, a canister at the San Onofre reactor nearly fell 18 feet as it was being moved from the spent fuel pool to a dry cask. <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/business/energy-green/sd-fi-songs-whistleblower-20180810-story.html>

The NRC assumes that this radioactive waste can be transferred into new casks every 100 years or less, yet no dry storage cask has ever been unloaded, and no safe unloading procedure exists as evidenced by an August 1994 situation at Palisades when a VSC-24 cask was discovered to have weld flaws. The utility, Consumers Energy, "volunteered" to unload the irradiated fuel from the cask and put it back into the storage pool, but insurmountable technical difficulties prevented that from occurring. Placing 400 degree F fuel back into 100 degree F pool water would result in radioactive steam hazardous to workers, and would thermally shock the fuel threatening to further degrade it. There was only a 50 hour window to cut open the welded inner canister and unload the cask before the fuel would begin to

overheat. So that fully loaded, known-defective cask and dozens more fully loaded VSC-24 casks of questionable integrity remain on the shores of Lake Michigan.

The NRC has failed to consider the very real possibility that irradiated fuel will so degrade with age that transfer operations cannot ever be accomplished.

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Robert Pollard nuclear reactor safety engineer with the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), predecessor of the NRC, and a licensing project manager for the NRC which he left in 1976 after deciding that the NRC “was more interested in protecting the nuclear industry than the health and safety of the public.”

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Arnie Gunderson nuclear engineer and licensed Critical Facility Reactor Operator with more than 44 years of nuclear industry experience who became a whistleblower in 1990.

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David Lochbaum a nuclear safety engineer who worked in nuclear power plants for 17 years and taught safety to inspectors at the NRC; he became a whistleblower. His expertise is in nuclear power plant design, nuclear regulatory oversight, and nuclear waste issues. He recently retired from the Union of Concerned Scientists which he joined in 1996.

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Dr. John Gofman, M.D., Ph.D cardiologist, nuclear chemist, nuclear physicist, author of *Poison Power*, *Radiation and Human Health* among other books

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Author of *Nuclear Madness* and *Nuclear Power is not the Answer* among other books

Dr. Rosalie Bertell, M.D. consultant to U.S. NRC and U.S. EPA (See also Note 23 & 24)

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Author of *No Immediate Danger*, *Chernobyl*, ECRR 2010 Recommendations of the European Committee on Radiation Risk: The Health Effects of Exposure to Low Doses of Ionizing Radiation

Roger Sowell attorney and chemical engineer

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