

TESTIMONY OPPOSING HB 308

It is beyond disturbing to see Ohio's legislators wanting to reclassify nuclear energy as being green. Since the passage of HB 507, Ohio politicians are starting to rewrite science as they label energy sources in ways to garner money or federal grants. Make no mistake, regardless of what you might call something, nuclear energy is NOT GREEN. Elementary science books will provide a definition for Ohio politicians who think non-renewable energy like methane and nuclear can ever be considered green.

How can these politicians be trusted with making sound decisions for the citizens of the state when they do not even have the ability to understand the difference between renewable and non-renewable energy? FYI: renewable energy is energy that comes from resources that are naturally replenished within our human time-scale. Examples: sunlight, wind, the movement of water and geothermal. Today, renewable energy is the cheapest form of energy available.

Non-renewable energy cannot be replaced by natural means at a pace quick enough to keep up with consumption. Nuclear and gas fall into that category.

I hope this clears some things up for Ohio's politicians. When you try to call nuclear or methane gas "green" energy, you just look foolish and prove "you are not smarter than a 5th grader".

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