

Public Comments Received for Case Number: 2025-00186  
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Comments:

I am very concerned about the ongoing climate catastrophe. As I see it, nuclear power generation has less environmental impacts than fossil fuels (coal, natural gas, etc.). It is the nuclear waste management or rare disasters that have an outsized impact. I would rather use only renewable power generation (wind, solar, tidal, geothermal, etc.). However, our current governments reluctance to transfer to renewables due to its unreliability creates an avenue to use nuclear as it is a more stable source of power. We will need all kinds of power generation to meet our growing demand. I just hope we think about the environmental impacts in addition to our growing demand (dollars and population).

I think our regulatory body has grown since prior installations of nuclear power plants. I am from eastern KY and am quite familiar with the Maxey Flats Disposal Site. I currently live in Paducah, so I am also familiar with the Gaseous Diffusion Plant. Both were created and maintained under a growing body of regulations as events occurred. Due to those incidents, many were harmed but also stricter regulations and monitoring were instituted. I trust everyone involved on the ground at these locations have the best at heart when performing operations. What I am concerned about is the fluctuating enforcement of regulations based on the current governing administration (both state and federal). Additionally, the way the coal industry has been regulated should not be emulated when creating policy for nuclear power plants. The workers and community are not compensated for their risk, while the companies rake in huge profits and get away with minor fines.

Advanced nuclear power generation has a lot of potential to address key issues. I am cognizant that many distrust being a guinea pig community but that NIMBY behavior never progressed science. As long as it is implemented in the safest to date way we know how, I see it as a step toward zero carbon emissions. But before we spend huge amounts, we first have to ensure all environmental, human, and economic impacts (both short-term and long-term) are fully assessed and planned. No shortcuts. Nuclear waste lasts for a very long time, so the consequences of our actions will be around for generations. We need to make sure everyone in the community understands and accepts that risk.

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