

Keep Oregon's Moratorium on New Nuclear Power

The nuclear power industry and their big tech backers would like you to believe that new nuclear reactors are a magic bullet to solve climate change and power energy-hungry data centers. **Don't believe the hype.**

In reality, **nuclear power is a costly, dirty technology** and a dangerous diversion from safer, cheaper, and faster solutions to address the climate crisis.

Background: In 1980, Oregon voters passed a state moratorium on building nuclear reactors until the U.S. has a national waste repository and there is another vote of the people to overturn it. Forty-five years later, there is still no national waste repository.

The latest: in the 2025 legislative session, the nuclear industry introduced 13 pro-nuclear bills. Four were heard in committee, and two made it to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, including a bill that would allow Umatilla County to exempt itself from the statewide moratorium on new nuclear.

Bottom Line: Costly nuclear reactors divert funding from energy efficiency, renewable energy, and storage technologies that are safer, less expensive, and faster to deploy. We can't afford this new nuclear risk to Oregon.

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Legislators:

Protect Oregon
from the
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5 Truths Big Tech Won't Tell You About Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMNRs)

TRUTH #1

Nuclear is prohibitively expensive.

Nuclear energy is at least five times as expensive as renewable energy.

TRUTH #4

"Baseload" is an outdated concept.

With modern storage and smart grids, we don't need dirty "always-on" sources like coal or nuclear.

TRUTH #2

SMNRs are unproven.

None have been built in the U.S. The only ones in China and Russia are underperforming. It's all promise, no proof.

TRUTH #5

Nuclear is too slow.

New nuclear would take at least 15 years to develop. Meanwhile, AI data centers will continue to use dirty fossil fuels and displace renewable energy.

TRUTH #3

Nuclear ≠ clean or safe energy.

From uranium mining that decimates Indigenous land to nuclear waste that has no permanent repository, nuclear has no place in a just transition to a renewable energy future.

