

Sir/Madam,

I strongly oppose our federal and provincial stances on SMNRs. I feel that given the time available to stave off this most devastating climate crisis, we do not have time to spend on a source of energy that is both far more costly and time intensif to produce, as well as infinitely more dangerous should something go wrong.

Not only will these SMRs clearly not be functional in the time we have to avert climate disaster, but also the funds invested in them would be far better spent on safe renewable energy producers that can be ready to serve far more quickly.

Also, clearly the development of nuclear power opens possibilities of nuclear weaponry, which should also be avoided at all cost.

And then of course there is the issue of waste management, that is far from sorted out at present. Although I would far rather see these SMNR completely wiped off the table, I am joining many other Canadians in requesting that at the very least, the following conditions be respected.

- No importing of radioactive waste from other countries
- No plutonium extraction (reprocessing or pyro-processing) of radioactive fuel waste
- Canada needs an independent agency, arms-length from government and industry, to oversee radioactive waste management and decommissioning
- Radioactive waste should NOT be abandoned; policy should direct perpetual care and monitoring
- Government and industry must be open and transparent in the management of radioactive waste and its transportation; Indigenous peoples and all Canadians have a right to access information, to engage in decision-making, and to know the risks

Thank you for your time and consideration in this most important matter.

Respectfully,

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