

Alternative Energy Source: Nuclear Power
Stakeholder: Fossil Fuel Representative

I am Theresa Keller from Peabody Coal Company in Pennsylvania. Our company supplies the power to Limerick, PA where they are proposing to build a new nuclear reactor. I am opposed to the construction of the power plant for many reasons. First, I believe that coal is the best fuel source to provide electricity. The price of coal is more inexpensive and stable than other forms of electricity and our present day technology permits the burning of coal in a much cleaner fashion than in the past. Also, coal is our most readily available resource: it represents more than four-fifths of America's known recoverable fossil fuel reserves. It is estimated that there is about 200 years of coal left and the United States has largest coal reserves of any country in the world. Second, I believe that nuclear power plants are unsafe and have the potential to cause disasters like Chernobyl and Three Mile Island. The release of excessive amounts of radiation (which could happen in an accident) can cause radiation poisoning and cancer in humans and can contaminate the environment. Finally, I believe that the construction of the plant is a bad economic decision. The residents will be forced to pay more in electric costs because of plant construction and many of the people that work at Peabody Coal could lose their jobs.