

Alternative Energy Source: Nuclear Power
Stakeholder: Homeowner near the proposed plant

My name is Shauna Williams and I am a homeowner in Limerick, PA. I just attended a town meeting last week and discovered that there are plans to build a nuclear power plant less than a mile from my house. The town council and developers are giving the residents a month to petition or protest, but I am not sure how I feel about this. On one hand, I believe that fossil fuel burning is linked to global warming and if our town continues to operate the coal plant, we are contributing to this problem. On the other hand, I have heard about the disasters at Chernobyl in the Ukraine and at Three Mile Island right here in PA and I am very concerned that something like that could happen here. 56 people died from radiation poisoning and cancer from Chernobyl. The accident at Three Mile Island was contained, but it did release some radioactive material into the atmosphere. Both accidents were a result of improperly constructed power plants and human error. The man who wants to build the plant insists that his engineers are the best in the world and that he will train the employees of the plant well. But there are no guarantees! I want to be sure that I make the right decision for myself and for my family.