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Dear NYSERDA President Harris,

I strongly oppose the development of new nuclear energy in New York — of the sort that's being considered. Newer generations of nuclear power — still in the design/experimental stages — MAY be safe enough eventually to invest in, but more of the same or similar is NOT a okay. There's too much risk in building more of these facilities, or reactivating existing ones.

As it is (as I understand it from having researched it for a [not yet published] kid's book), the currently used nuclear facilities in the United States only have enough back up fuel to keep them from going into meltdown for a week, or weeks, if the grid goes down for an extended time. With all the test cyber attacks we keep suffering from places like Russia and China, do you really want to open us all up to that kind of risk, the kind that would unleash cancers onto New Yorkers, and other people around the globe on a scale beyond imagination?!

Nuclear energy poses far more risks to New Yorkers than the purported benefits, and we ought to be doubling down on New York's commitment to building publicly owned renewables instead.

PLEASE, do NOT place us all at that sort of catastrophic risk. NO to any new nuclear power plants —not until they have designed ones that are smaller and safer. PLEASE, NO!!!!
NYSERDA must not waste New Yorkers' time and money on an unproven and dangerous technology with serious economic, environmental, and health problems. Solar and wind power and battery storage are affordable now; they are low risk, quick to build, and proven. We must prioritize these technologies and meet the goals of the Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act. The draft nuclear blueprint is a costly and dangerous distraction we cannot afford.

Sincerely,
Jody MacDonald

