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Nuclears dangers are substantially less than coals

Having studied various aspects of both energy sources and after hearing Ed Mazria (president and CEO of Architecture 2030), speak at the Good Jobs/Green Jobs conference in Pittsburgh, I am thoroughly convinced that if Mother Earth has a fighting chance it is not with coal.

Studying the pollutant contributions to our atmosphere, there is no doubt that if industry cannot find a way to sequester the carbon from coal and we keep using it at the current rate or even substantially reduced we will finally be able to have that oceanfront property in Las Vegas youve heard of (an exaggeration). While nuclear can pose some very challenging and potentially dangerous scenarios, its contribution and threat to humanity pales when compared to coal. Surely we will have to continue to use both for a while, a small while, or say goodbye to our childrens grandchildrens meaningful future.

With that in mind and realizing the urgency of this issue, I propose that our state Sierra Club take a stance on this issue. I know we have some ardent anti-nuclear members, but in this case we need to act now and support the least detrimental process, keeping in mind that our goal is future clean and safe energies. Coal is more threatening in the short run and we cannot fight both fronts at one time or we will surely not gain support in passing legislation to protect our environment.

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