

Committee Members,

Please accept this comment for the study on SMRs.

As I'm sure you all know, the nuclear industry is asking not only for millions of dollars of federal money but also for relaxed regulatory oversight, including an exemption from a federal impact assessment for all future SM (Nuclear) Rs built anywhere in Canada.

And, I, a tax-paying Canadian citizen, am wondering - when it is clear that these 'power-point' SMNRs will make no contribution in fighting climate change in the next five years or longer - why time and my money are being wasted on this study which we all know is intended to produce a report to justify a massive infusion of federal (public) dollars towards the development and deployment of SMNRs.

Nuclear energy, regardless of the size of its reactor, is a dangerous, dirty and totally unnecessary way to boil water and produce electricity and is distracting attention, precious money, time, energy and POLITICAL WILL away from truly clean, reliable and renewable energy from solar, wind, geothermal sources - ready for deployment - TODAY! Sources which, by the way, do not produce many tons of deadly radioactive waste left behind for future generations to deal with . . . for hundreds of thousands of years!

Nuclear is NOT a solution to the climate crisis!

Thank you for considering my contribution.