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I strongly oppose siting a microreactor in the State of Alaska. The development of nuclear energy is slow and expensive, but more importantly, it is dangerous for the environment and the people of Alaska. These dangers disproportionately affect indigenous people and workers. Alaskans are still dealing with the deadly legacy of experimenting with nuclear energy at Fort Greely.

Calling it a "micro" reactor does not diminish the danger to our environment and community. The nuclear and radioactive material in a "micro" reactor could fuel up to 10 nuclear weapons. The entire "lifecycle" of nuclear power is destructive, the mining, the use, and the perpetual storage of nuclear waste. Again, the environmental destruction and damaging health consequences, including several different cancers, disproportionately affect indigenous people and industry workers.

Alaska has so much potential for developing alternative and safer sources of energy. investment in alternatives such as hydroelectric and wind energy could provide a safe energy source and jobs and futures.

I want my kids to live here long after I am gone; please don't allow industry and short-term gain to destroy their and Alaska's future.