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I am extremely concerned about micronuclear reactors, as they could have a myriad of health and environmental impacts. They will not provide real solutions for our energy needs or our climate crisis.

Uranium mining has poisoned large areas of the earth and caused cancer, birth defects and other dreadful health problems to uranium miners, their families and the communities that breathe the uranium dust and are left with radioactive drinking water. Such radioactive sites cannot be remediated. This mining is mostly being done on Indigenous lands.

We have not figured out how to dispose of radioactive waste and it appears that there is no safe solution for this intractable problem.

A single microreactor core would contain about 10 nuclear weapons' worth of nuclear and radioactive material. Can you imagine the disaster that could occur if even a single microreactor were sabotaged? We must recognize such a scenario as a clear and present danger.

Would each micro reactor have a trained operator on site 24-7 in case of any unanticipated problem? We cannot trust that they will be safe enough to operate without a minder. We only have one earth and we must not contaminate any more of it.

Opening the door to nuclear power in Alaska is unwise and dangerous. The nuclear industry is not a solution for our energy needs. It is well-documented that nuclear energy is expensive, dangerous, and clearly linked to severe health and environmental degradation.

Please do the right thing and put the breaks on this unproven scheme. Thank you.