

## Nuclear energy: the long-term answer

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An inevitable aspect of the energy debate involves making comparisons and choices. Such was the nature of the March 16 “Readers Write” comments about “Energy” and the March 10 news report, “Extensive solar farm OK’d over protests.” This comparison involved solar farms vs. devoting ag land to producing ethanol as an energy source.

Many experts consider this type of debate to be unnecessary. That’s because we have a solution, and not just a temporary one with limited future usefulness. We have an energy source that will quickly come into its own if we let it. And it’s good for the long term.

Mother Nature, one of God’s “shop foremen,” provided a long term energy source for early humans all the way up to the present. First there was Mother Nature’s rudimentary, but ingenious recycling solution – dead and dried plant material created material for fires, critical for cooking and safety. Time moved on and God’s modern-day children developed knowledge and talents, resulting in ways to exploit coal, oil, and natural gas for increasing humans’ well-being.

Wind, sun, and other natural phenomenon are alternative sources of “green” energy being considered, but those fail in comparison to modern humans’ ability to unleash the ultimate “green” energy source. There’s an answer that’s been under unnecessary wraps since its introduction decades ago. It’s plentiful, green, safe, and getting safer. Its ultimate cost and efficiency win in a landslide.

Let’s move on quickly and prudently to what is now the greatest energy source available – nuclear energy.

