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Nuclear reactors aren't clean. Even if nothing goes wrong at the plant--as happened at Three Mile Island and Chernobyl--nuclear waste lasts for centuries. I live downstream from the Hanford Site, and we've had problems with it for decades. Even if small nuclear reactors are built in hopes that they will avoid major catastrophes, they produce more nuclear waste per unit of energy than large reactors.

We don't need nuclear reactors in Oregon. We have an immense nuclear fission plant that has been providing energy for more years than I can count--we just need to improve the ways we collect its energy. It's called the Sun.