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Re: Hydro Fracking Trouble in Wyoming County

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DanW wrote:

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wsender wrote:

Nothing is fool proof, but there is NO reason why fracking can't have the same accident record nuclear power. 42 minor incidents and 1 'major' incident over 60 years is pretty good. I'm willing to bet that there has been more then 42 minor incidents involving fracking operation in the last 6 months.

One accident is one accident too many.

Just curious what you consider a "major" accident? By my count we've had at least 2 (Chernobyl and Fukushima), and I'm not sure TMI fits in the "minor" category. At least a fracking accident doesn't make the surrounding area uninhabitable for several centuries.

Now don't get me wrong. While I accept fracking as a necessary evil for our current energy needs, I do also believe the drillers should be regulated and monitored extensively to prevent the inevitable shortcuts that are often the cause of these accidents.

I was only speaking of domestic nuclear energy, not internationally. We have some of the tightest regulations for nuclear energy, I can't speak for other countries.

TMI was pretty tame with only 2.5 Curies of radiation being released. A person living within ten miles from the plant received about as much radiation as an average chest x-ray.

If a retention pond was damaged and flooded, I'd be willing to bet no one would inhabit that area for years.