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Nuclear industry is extremely heavily regulated. As it should be. Safety record is excellent, much better than any other form of power generation.

The part that always gets me is that the regulations aren't always the smartest. For instance, many of them are counterproductive to their own purposes. Consider, modern day reactor designs are safer, produce far less waste, and more energy efficient than older reactors. But we don't build them, as safety and environmental regs make it cost prohibitive to do so. So instead, we keep running the first generation plants because they are grandfathered in past all those regs, despite the fact that they are also well beyond their designed lifetimes. Brilliant!