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The following is a public comment to a CEC workshop. Please publish it in the documentation for the subject workshop.

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Integrated Energy Policy Report - Biopower in California

The workshop agenda has a series of questions to be addressed by public commenters. Number 17 reads as follows:

17. Staff has proposed various solutions to overcome many of the barriers to meeting a goal of 20 percent of the state's RPS with biomass generation. For solid-fuel biomass, these solutions include: 1) torrefication/pelletization of biomass fuel; 2) using burn piles from forest thinning projects; and 3) diverting green material, construction and building deconstruction lumber scrap from landfills; and 4) using refuse-derived fuel. Which of these solutions are likely to be available to help meet the 2010 and 2020 goals? Will these solutions be enough to meet the potential need? **What other solutions should be considered?**

The last sentence of question 17 is the clincher. This workshop and the other CEC workshops on "renewable" energy sources are a waste of the CEC's and the public's time. The CEC should tell the state legislators that they can not, by legislative fiat, make the use of poor sources of energy to generate commercial electricity a practical solution to reducing greenhouse gas production.. Instead of trying to implement the impossible task of dreaming up ways of how to adapt poor sources of energy into practical feeders to the commercial electrical grid they should be determining ways to get the legislature and governor to remove the state roadblocks to the only energy source that can successfully accomplish a meaningful reduction in greenhouse gas while providing 24/7 electricity to the grid, nuclear energy. The current mind set of the CEC which won't even consider using nuclear power must be changed if the state is ever going to get a meaningful reduction in greenhouse gas by the commercial electric generators..

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