

Re: NEF claims more nuclear power is not way forward

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Rolf is 100% correct: there a clear path to ramping up production and we could go from 104 NPPs to 300 or more in 15 years very easily. It's a question of **planning** something capitalism, especially US capitalism is loathe to accept.

The politics of regulation stipulate a 4 yo 5 year **Review process** which is quite insane. But...the results o the mass-anti-nuclear movement of the 1970s. Time to overturn these regulations and streamline it. As Rolf pointed out the silly and mostly unique US form of one-of-a-kind NPP construction is over and has been for 10 years. Plants can and are being built faster and cheaper and safer. The other big hinderer is a material one: component manufacturing is way down.

There used to be half-a-dozen big forges in the US to produce the giant stainless steel forgings necessary. Now, there is really only one big one left in the whole world: Japan Steel Works. Smaller but not quite big enough ones exist in Korea, Russia, China and France.

If the US planned now, with component factories reopened or built, there simply is no reason why in 10 years we couldn't be up to 20 to 30 reactors a year being started. This is exactly how the French and Russian built theirs, who the Chinese are building theres now. And all could do it even better.

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