

Re: Shuttle Environmentally Damaging?

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Can you not apply such logic to power stations and some other industrial processes though?

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Has anybody calculated the Shuttle's atmospheric pollution in terms relative to automobile exhaust, instead of convention terms of tons of this or that per flight?

As an example, my modern car, meeting current Federal standards, with a cleaned up exhaust, generates x amount of noxious gases and particulate matter per a year's driving (12,000 miles). Each shuttle flight produces y amount of noxious gasses and particulate matter. How many x's = y?

My guess is one shuttle flight equals 100,000 cars driven a full year in terms of damage to the environment. How close am I? If I'm off, it's probably on the low side.

There is actually a logical reason for this type of question: If you disconnect a single vacuum line on your car engine's emission system (whether or not it has a significant effect), you have committed a Federal crime, probably a felony, though the government tries to keep the criminal details a secret until they pop it to you at your arraignment. Yet, there is no Federal crime to stop NASA from pumping out a thousand tons of poison everytime the Shuttle flies to nowhere. Isn't that a case of "Do as I say,

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not do as I do?"