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## **Consider the benefits of energy from waste**

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To the editor:

Re: If not nuclear, then what?, Op Ed, Adam Mercer, Oct. 14

In response to Andrew Mercer's article a couple of points became obvious to me; the amount of electricity we consume and the time frame of 20 years.

Granted, there's a large majority of people who are fearful of nuclear power generation, but it has worked for the past 20 years and could continue to work into the future.

So what is so impractical about energy from waste? Just as people were fearful about nuclear power generation, there are those who are fearful about energy from waste. We need to overcome this inherent fear of technology that could help us have sustainable energy into the future.

We as humans are sometimes short-sighted and don't see the big picture. If energy from waste could lower your hydro rates would you want that? Or should we just continue to build more landfills and let future generations deal with the waste we created?

Too often fear of some new technology has been to our detriment. We need to consider the benefits, as well as the costs of energy from waste. Time is not on our side.

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