

Attention: Draft Scoping Plan Comments
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To whom it may concern

After reading the insert in our National Fuel bill I decided to comment on the NY Climate Act/ Scoping Plan. I am not against taking care of our planet which also influences our climate but I do have my concerns on the ideology of eliminating the use of fossil fuels before having enough reliable sources to transition to clean energy at the speed it is proposed.


The International Energy Agency documented that an energy transition will require the global supply of needed rare earth minerals to increase to 4000 percent. We don't have enough mines now operating to meet these demand increases. If we ban fossil fuels before we have the capability to produce enough clean energy to support our present needs - where does that leave us?

Aside from not having enough supplies to transition from fossil fuel to clean energy there are not even enough technicians with the skills to install the clean energy equipment as someone who does this for a living informed us. Also a highly trained electrician told us we are going to have many rolling brownouts as a result of changing too fast.

We live on a farm and find it hard to believe electric tractors and equipment would be as efficient and strong to plow fields, bale hay etc. And what about charging stations: will we have one on the farm? Will it be reliable? How long will it take to charge a tractor? What happens when the tractor gets stuck and runs out of electricity? We can't take the recharging station a mile down into the field.

Don't ban fossil fuel until after much forethought on the consequences of moving too fast to transition to clean energy. By the way,natural gas is clean energy and with all the regulations in America, our fossil fuel usage is cleaner than any other in the world.

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