Subject: Re: America's Fuel Program
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I agree with you.  Nuclear energy is an awesome technology, if you think about it.  It's the fuel of the stars, of the universe.  Put research into the matters of safety and waste disposal and I think that's the way to go for energy for homes and businesses.Seems like I remember hearing that some types of reactors produce byproducts with relatively short half lives.  Instead of having canisters that won't become safe for a zillion years, they are radioactive for a dozen or two years, something like that.  So that's attractive.  Or maybe launch the stuff into the sun or something like that for disposal.Nuclear power brings up a fear factor, but I also know that it's a good technology.  Just like anything else, life is dangerous.  I think it's worth re-examining.  Submarines use nuclear power and people are living in close quarters with the reactor.  So that's something.  Chernobyl was a piece of junk, but the Ukrainians need the power enough that they band-aid it together.  Pretty nuts, but the point is that energy is necessary for modern life and when you get down to nut cutting, you're prepared to make certain choices.  People react much differently when faced with survival than they do when looking for luxury.So I'm thinking we're getting close to nut cutting.  All my life, we've been talking about the sky is falling where energy is concerened.  But then it didn't and we all sort of lulled ourselves back into complacency.  I'm thinking that there's no need for doom and gloom scares, but maybe just the economic situation might get us on the ball.  I'd just like to see an all-out fuel program on the table, with zeal like we saw in the days of the Apollo missions.