

Nuclear Power and Humanity

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Delirious with fever,
The four Fukushima nuclear plants
Erupt in a venom-spewing contest.
Water injected to quell the fevers becomes contaminated water.
Strong radiation rules out any work that might
Make water injection unnecessary.
But abandonment is catastrophe.
Workers with higher radiation levels
Than the already vastly increased,
government-defined maximum from 3/11
Are taken from the plant in cars,
And curtains are drawn to hide their faces from media cameras.
The TV news reports, "Mr. A, in his 40s, and Mr. B, in his 30s."
On the day that workers' absorbed radiation levels
Exceed the government's decreed upper bound,
Their names and face are hidden.
It is a bleak world
When human work is only valued
In Sieverts -- units of absorbed radiation.
Workers are deemed unusable
And immediately fired
When reaching that established maximum.
They are used once and thrown away,
Like a radiation protection suit.
Even with safe nuclear power,
Plant inspectors cannot avoid gradual exposure.
From those who mine the raw uranium,
To all other nuclear industry laborers,
Someone will always have to suffer radiation exposure
For nuclear power to remain viable.

Nuclear power cannot help but poison humanity with radiation.