

power plant during the recent cold snap, that was not weatherized, but it will be now.

But the public, and their elected officials, don't understand most of these issues, especially the interconnectedness of various systems. Even in the face of supposed advances in renewable energy, states (and their voters) have refused to pay for the other infrastructure needed to make them work, like high-voltage transmission lines, pumped-hydro storage, or backup generation, even as they vote for more renewables. Just like the public votes for natural gas plants but votes down the pipelines needed to fuel them.

As good as nuclear is, it needs an infrastructure renaissance with new builds if we are to be anywhere near where we want to be in 20 years. Otherwise, we'll just be watching China sail forward while we slowly disappear into the West. ☒

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