

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



MORE ON THE ECONOMIC COMPARISONS OF NUCLEAR-POWERED AND OILED-FIRED SHIPS

It is necessary to bring to the attention of the readers of *Nuclear Technology* that the recent paper by Dade and Witzig¹ has been one of those in the publication review process during the recent oil embargo. As a consequence, the oil price predictions are extremely conservative, being in the 4.00 to 5.00 \$/bbl region, whereas today figures of 10.00 to 17.00 \$/bbl are commonplace. The conclusions concerning the economic comparisons of fossil- and nuclear-powered container ships are firmly supported by the rising oil prices. Our country's project "Independence" requires another hard look at

the economic advantages of nuclear-powered merchant shipping: they are several fold.

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