

Thorium: a new way for nuclear power?

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Using nuclear power from uranium has always been one of the most efficient sources of energy in producing power for the cost. Safety, fuel costs and waste disposal concerns are drawbacks that have kept it from wider market share. Using thorium instead of uranium as fuel in reactors can improve all three of these problem areas but will produce energy less efficiently. Thorium is not a magic bullet for solving energy problems but it deserves to be considered as an energy source for the future. This presentation looks at the history of nuclear fuel and thorium's advantages and disadvantages.