

Red Wing Mayor Likes Nuke Plant, Not its Waste

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Officially, the city of Red Wing has no problem with the nuclear power plant that sits next door. Red Wing mayor John Howe tells us, even though the city sued to keep Xcel from making upgrades at the plant, he doesn't want to send the message that the Prairie Island nuclear facility has been anything but a great city partner. No, Howe's real problem is with nuclear waste at the plant that doesn't seem to be going anywhere. He says the plant is becoming a "de facto" waste storage site because of the fed decision to shut down the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. A Minnesota appeals court this week says it won't block Xcel from making upgrades at the Prairie Island or from storing additional nuclear waste there.