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As one of the nations' largest generators of CO2 and a common source of oil spills into the San Juan River, the NGS needs close, and very soon. The plant is no longer commercially viable, and that has been known for some time now, with Los Angeles withdrawing in 2015 and Nevada planning to withdraw at the end of 2019. Now APS wants out. I cannot find a publication stating the terms of the agreement reached to keep the plant open until the end of 2019. This makes me quite suspicious that the US taxpayers are taking the hit to keep the 1,000 jobs in place for just over two more years. No matter the source the funds to keep the plant open, one question is, at what cost? I found a review of one article stating that it will require a \$400 million bailout to keep the plant open until the end of 2019. In my view, money spent to keep the plant open would be better spent on investments into development solar and wind energy, job retraining and investments into tourism and manufacturing that could bring jobs to the Navajo nation. Another question is, to what end? The plant is going to be closed, either now, in three years or in 12 years. The end result is the same. People will lose their NGS jobs. Let us not keep throwing good money after bad. If the plant is to stay open until the end of 2019, make it clear that that will be the end of the bailout. Work can begin with the Navajo Nation, environmental groups, the Arizona Governor, commerce departments, and utilities, now, to start transitioning to other forms of energy and other jobs, but there needs to be an end in sight. Soon.