

Nuclear power plant shutdown worth analysis, says doctors group



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A Northwest physicians group is paying for a full exam of the Columbia Generating Station nuclear power plant.

The Washington and Oregon chapters of Physicians for Social Responsibility has hired [Robert McCullough](#) of McCullough Research to explore the business case for an early retirement of the nuclear power generating facility.

“At a time when the utility is considering making major repairs, it seems only fair to the region’s ratepayers that they have an honest appraisal of the financial value of this plant,” said Oregon chapter president Dr. [John Pearson](#) in a statement. Pearson added that the market price of regional electricity has fallen below the price of operating the plant.

The plant is the last remaining nuclear power plant in the Northwest and the only one of five completed by the Washington Public Power Supply System.

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