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 - The proposed generators still produce greenhouse gases and higher levels of some toxic pollutants than the existing generators.
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 - The new generators will still use 230 MILLION gallons of water per year.
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