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Between the Lines

The earthquake-induced disaster at the Fukushima nuclear complex in Japan has brought back the safety of nuclear power to the center of the American debate about energy.

April 5, 2010 - An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Montcoal, West Virginia, leaves at least 25 miners dead and four remain missing. It is the deadliest U.S. mining disaster since 1984.

April 20, 2010: 11 workers were killed when an explosion rocked the BP Deepwater Horizon well. Before the environmental catastrophe ended, 200 million gallons of oil had been released into the Gulf of Mexico.

Safety vs. energy

Talking points

1. Each energy option has its own downside. Explain how Joe Heller presents the options to make his point about the choices we make to get our power sources.
2. Which of these options seem the least dangerous? Which do you think is the most effective at generating electricity?
3. What's the difference between the last panel and the three before it? What's the cartoonist's point?

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