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The ads appearing in the Raleigh N&O, and sponsored by NC Warn have puzzled me, and if I didn't know differently, it would be easy to believe they were sponsored by the coal industry and were meant to retain the status quo at the Duke Energy Lake Julian generating plant. It's my opinion that anything that would remove the necessity of dealing with coal ash is a good move and there is much to be desired by the substitution of natural gas for coal.

NC Warn's stance that fracking is ecologically damaging is an as-yet unproven statement, and I'm certain that the industry will continue to improve both their ability to capture the methane that they claim is leaking into the atmosphere. It is interesting that NC Warn says little or nothing about the reclamation of the spent water generated from fracking operations now operating across that swath of geology containing the Marcellus and Utica shale strata. As for solar energy, it's no doubt a fine technology during that part of the day that the sun is out.

In summary, I remain puzzled by NC Warn's stance and view it as somewhat short-sighted.

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