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Subject: Absolutely fascinating

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Do you realize that many nations have blown up weapons in the atmosphere, with many kilograms to tons of plutonium. I assure you that 12 more grams won't make a difference. And besides, Pu-238 only has an 87.7 year half life, unlike Pu-239 which is a lot longer.

Nuclear power for space travel is a very good idea. We should still be careful when we shoot it into space. We can't let people's fear of things drive what we do, especially when the fear is not based on fact.

SuperFlyingEngiDude...actually, launching anything like plutonium into orbit is a big risk, because if the ship explodes in high orbit, it showers a large part of earth with plutonium. And that sucks.

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