Beyond Nuclear Bulletin
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Top Stories

Support great reporting on nukes in San Antonio!

The San Antonio Current (see below) has just published the first in what promises to be a three-part series on nuclear power. The article – Nukes Mean Mines – has been assailed by the pro-nuclear propaganda army. Please write to the Current editor, Elaine Wolff, in support of this piece and the series. The Current needs to hear positive affirmation from the anti-nuclear community today to keep this series alive and support truly investigative journalism as represented by the article’s author, Greg Harman. Thank you!

Please sign our letter to President Obama!

We need to send a message loud and clear - and quickly. No funding for new nuclear reactors in Congressional climate legislation! Please consider joining the close to 600-and-counting individuals who have already signed on to our letter to President Obama in just the first week.

The Senate will be working on climate legislation that could hand over at least $100 billion - or even more - in federal loan guarantees for new nuclear reactors. President Obama has advocated for renewable energy and green jobs and we applaud him. But the president needs to know that his green energy agenda will derail if nuclear power once more grabs the lion's share of federal support.

Nuclear power is too costly for our health, our safety and our pocket books, and no amount of atomic propaganda will ever bring enough new reactors on line to address climate change in time.

Please help stop the Senate squandering our dollars on radioactive relics by writing and calling your Senator. Let's give our president a truly green climate change bill to sign. Please Sign our letter to President Obama today. You can find it on our Web site under Take Action and in the September 28, 2009 copy of The Nation. And thank you!

“Nuclear Power: The Truth About A Taboo Subject”

PACE (People's Action for Clean Energy), Three Mile Island Alert, and Beyond Nuclear are asking you, and/or the organization with which you are affiliated, to join a list of endorsers who support the presentation of this critical and unique public health event on November 21, 2009. Endorsement does not necessarily include financial support. It simply means that you believe that the truth about nuclear power should be told to the public. Nuclear Power: The Truth About A Taboo Subject and A Clean Energy Exposition, will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at the Unitarian Society of Hartford, CT. Please download the full endorsement form and submit to Judi Friedman.
The French Nuclear Medusa

French authorities attempt to block anti-nuclear demonstration

With 10,000 people or more already expected to gather in the French border town of Colmar for an anti-nuclear rally on October 3, local authorities are attempting to renege on their agreement to allow the demonstration. The rally, which will call for the phase-out of the nearby 30-year old Fessenheim reactor, the oldest in France, coincides with an expected decision to extend the reactor license for another 10 years. But now the prefect of Upper Rhine and the mayor of Colmar, both nuclear power advocates, are trying to move the rally out of the town center and away from the media spotlight. Raising the specter of “German rioters”, news reports claim the authorities are preparing tear gas-armed police to disperse the rally. Beyond Nuclear joined many others in writing to the two officials, pointing out that their decision further confirms that the French nuclear system and democracy are incompatible.

Beyond Nuclear in the News

Linda Gunter quoted in San Antonio Current on the inevitable connection between uranium mining and nuclear power.

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