

World Team Now joined a coalition comprised of 146 safe energy advocate organizations and businesses, initiated by the [Sustainable Energy Network](#) . The letter was presented to President Obama, members of his Administration, and all Members of the U.S. Congress, regarding the recent nuclear accident in Japan which continues to be a tragic reminder that it is long past the time to end U.S. reliance on nuclear power.

News Release

**146 ORGANIZATIONS & BUSINESSES SAY
IT'S LONG PAST THE TIME
TO END RELIANCE ON NUCLEAR POWER**

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WASHINGTON DC – In a group letter sent to President Obama, members of his Administration, and all the Members of the U.S. Congress, 146 organizations and businesses wrote that the Japanese nuclear accident is a tragic reminder that it is long past the time to end U.S. reliance on nuclear power.

The groups argued that nuclear plants can never be designed to withstand all potential “acts of God,” all instances of “human error,” all types of “mechanical malfunction,” and all forms of “terrorist attack.”

Moreover, the still unfolding nuclear disaster in Japan once again underscores that there is no such thing as “safe” or “clean” or “cheap” nuclear power.

Consequently, no new reactors should be built in the United States and existing nuclear reactors should be phased out as rapidly as possible. Instead, national energy policy and funding should be refocused on greatly improved energy efficiency and the rapid deployment of renewable energy sources which are far cleaner, safer, and cheaper than nuclear power.

The text of the letter and list of signers follows.

The Sustainable Energy Network is a network of nearly 300 safe energy organizations, businesses, and advocates supporting improved energy efficiency and renewable energy as alternatives to nuclear power and fossil fuels.

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JAPANESE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT – A TRAGIC REMINDER **IT'S LONG PAST THE TIME TO END RELIANCE ON NUCLEAR POWER**

March 25, 2011

President Barack Obama
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Dear President Obama:

We, the 146 undersigned safe energy advocates, have been speaking out about the risks and dangers posed by nuclear power for years – for many of us, since before the 1986 Chornobyl and 1979 Three Mile Island accidents as well as the hundreds of other radioactive releases, unplanned shut-downs, and other mishaps that have continuously plagued both the U.S. and the international nuclear industries since their founding.

While nuclear power's unacceptable safety, environmental, public health, economic, and national security risks should have been self-evident long before now, the latest unfolding nuclear disaster in Japan once again underscores the following:

Nuclear plants can never be designed to withstand all potential "acts of God."

Nuclear plants can never be designed to withstand all instances of "human error."

Nuclear plants can never be designed to withstand all types of "mechanical malfunction."

Nuclear plants can never be designed to withstand all forms of "terrorist attack."

There is no such thing as "safe" nuclear power.

There is no such thing as "clean" nuclear power.

There is no such thing as "cheap" nuclear power.

Consequently, the Price-Anderson cap on liability in the event of an accident should be repealed, all proposed governmental financial and regulatory incentives for new nuclear plant construction - including loan guarantees, accelerated licensing, and inclusion in a "clean energy standard" - should be rejected, and no new reactors should be built.

Existing nuclear reactors should be phased out as rapidly as possible, beginning with the oldest and/or most unsafe, and no presently-licensed reactors should have their operating lives extended.

Safety standards for existing reactors should be substantially tightened while they continue to operate and federal nuclear funding should be redirected to the orderly phase-out of those reactors as well as the safe decommissioning of closed reactors and disposal of radioactive waste.

National energy policy and funding should be refocused on greatly improved energy efficiency and the rapid deployment of renewable energy sources which are far cleaner, safer, and cheaper than nuclear power.

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