Know Nuclear in the TN Valley
Saturday, 11:30am - 6pm, September 27
Keathley University Center Room 322
MTSU Campus Murfreesboro, TN

Know Nuclear in the TN Valley is an opportunity for community leaders, environmental advocates, public officials, and concerned citizens to learn more about nuclear waste and the nuclear industry in Tennessee. Its purpose is to inform concerned citizens about the need to stop generating nuclear wastes and the need to responsibly manage the nuclear wastes we already have.


A $10 registration is payable at the door and covers the cost of refreshments and seminar handouts. Students with student ID cards are free. Google "Keathley University Center, MTSU" for map directions. The seminar is in room 322 of the student center. Information Contact: Louise Gorenflo at lgorenflo@gmail.com or 931-484-2633.

Program Agenda

11:30 - 12:00 Registration

12:00 - 1:00 Introductions

1 - 3:00 TN Nuclear Waste Dump Panel: The nuclear industry and the Department of Energy are using Tennessee as an unlicensed nuclear waste dump. A panel will describe the import of nuclear waste into Tennessee from across the nation and world; how nuclear waste is getting into our county and city landfills; what Nuclear Fuel Services is doing in Jonesborough, TN; and how Memphis continues to be a watchdog for low-income communities living near two companies that process so-called low-level nuclear waste, as well as their victory is stopping a nuclear waste incinerator from coming to downtown Memphis. Panelists include Diane D’Arrigo (Nuclear Information & Resource Service, Washington, DC), Linda Modica (Erwin Citizens Awareness Network), and Rita Harris (Memphis Sierra Club Environmental Justice Program.)

Break Out: Session will identify priority concerns and strategies

Break

3:15 - 4:15 High Level Nuclear Waste State and Policy Issues Panel: The nuclear industry is allowed to continue to produce nuclear waste even when we have no way to manage it. A panel will describe why nuclear waste storage of irradiated fuel next to nuclear reactors pose such a serious threat to nearby communities and the risks of transporting high level radioactive nuclear waste. Panelists include Kevin Kamps (Beyond Nuclear, Wash. D.C.) and Mary Olson (Nuclear Information & Resource Service, Asheville, NC.)

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4:30 - 6:00 Nuclear Reactors Panel: TVA and other utilities across the Southeast have launched a massive nuclear power plant construction campaign. A panel will describe the public health risks of TVA's current operating plants, why nuclear reactors are not a solution to global warming, and the growing opposition to the proposed nuclear power plants in the TN Valley and around the region. Panelists include Ann Harris (National Sierra Club Radiation Committee, Rockwood, TN), Lou Zeller (Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Glendale Springs, NC), and Sara Barczak (Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Savannah, GA.)

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6:00 Adjourn