

# The Safe Energy Campaign

## Is Nuclear Power Right for Cherokee County?

On March 16, 2006 Duke Power announced that they had picked a site in South Carolina for a new nuclear power plant. A license application is expected this year. By 2016, Duke hopes to be generating from 1.1 to 2.2 thousand megawatts of electricity from nuclear power at the site on the Broad River in Cherokee County, near Gaffney, SC.

Advocates of nuclear power claim it is an answer to global warming and a means of achieving energy independence. These are empty promises. We know full well the danger of nuclear reactor technology and the radioactive waste it produces.

There is no such thing as safe nuclear power. In addition to cancer, exposure to radiation cripples the human immune system, causing illness and death. We are alerting the public to the human and environmental crises that affect the lives of people living near existing nuclear plants. We are making public the inherent dangers of nuclear reactor technology and the radioactive waste it produces.

## Will the Nuclear Licensing Process Protect Public Health and Safety?

The nuclear industry hopes to take advantage of diminished regulatory reviews, taxpayer-financed incentives and altered plant designs to do what it hasn't been able to do for decades: build new commercial nuclear power plants.

Playing on legitimate public concerns about air pollution, electric brownouts and climate change, the utilities are waging a pro-nuclear public relations campaign. But nuclear physics is not altered by publicity, and removing a few valves and pipes will not eliminate the inherent dangers of atomic reactors.

## Join the Safe Energy Campaign

We call on political and business leaders to steer clear of an energy path littered with accidents and near-misses. A safe energy future means supporting energy technologies which will carry us forward, not backward.

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