



Citizens Awareness
Network

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Massachusetts is ringed by six nuclear reactor sites that are de facto high-level nuclear waste dumps containing almost 300 steel and concrete casks of incredibly radioactive waste. Release of the radioactivity in just one cask—think a drone strike or shoulder-mounted missile—could make 60 square miles around the site uninhabitable for decades, if not longer.

The government and the industry failed to develop a repository to store this waste safely. It has no place to go and sits out in the open on the banks of rivers and oceans subject to acts of malice as well as flooding and sea level rise.

And the Governor wants to make **MORE** radioactive waste by using SMRs?

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Stop The Meltdown in Democracy! Hold the Line on Democracy and Safe Energy!

Nukes Could Be Coming Back to Massachusetts

It's true. The Governor plans to bring nuclear power back to our state. This can only happen if the legislature repeals a 1982 Act that resulted from a citizen-initiated ballot measure that won wide approval. That Act requires a statewide vote before new reactors can be built, and the Governor wants to repeal that Act without first going to the electorate.

But wait! It gets worse. She's promoting a new type of reactor—Small Modular Reactor or SMR. These would be sited throughout the state, maybe in your community. SMRs are experimental and untested! The industry is hyping them as though they are real and ready when they're not.

How Is This Happening?

Governor Healey proposed a bill (H.4144) that includes many good things, but Section 45 would repeal the Act and must be rejected!

The Act requires the legislature to certify that there is an operating *permanent* repository for high-level radioactive waste *before* there can be a vote. There is no permanent repository! Millions of tons of high-level nuclear waste—dangerous for centuries—already ring our state at six reactor sites. All are vulnerable to climate disruption and acts of malice.

SMRs only create more waste. Enough is enough! The Governor fears she can't win the vote, so she wants to silence democracy.

What Can You Do?

Call or email your state representative and senator to oppose Section 45 of H.4144. Then, let us know their position on Section 45 so we can keep track. That's it. We appreciate your support. If you have the time, contact three friends and ask them to do the same. **You can contact us at deb@nukebusters.org**

TO FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR: <https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>

Who Are We?

The Commonwealth Coalition for Democracy and Safe Energy is spearheading this initiative. We are a group of nuclear safety advocates. Members represent different regions of the state and include Beyond Nuclear, Citizens Awareness Network, Clamshell Alliance, Cape Downwinders, Greenfield Solar, Massachusetts Peace Action, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Our Revolution Massachusetts, Save Our Bay Massachusetts, and Warheads to Windmills.