



## CITIZENS AWARENESS NETWORK

*Telling the truth about nuclear power. Working for a sustainable, just energy future.*

**Citizens Awareness Network** is a New England grassroots environmental organization working to end the production of unaffordable, dangerous nuclear power and nuclear waste.

**Citizens Awareness Network**

- tells the truth about dangerous nuclear power and works to end its use
- advocates for responsible management of nuclear waste
- promotes nuclear-free and carbon-free energy
- fights for a sustainable, environmentally just future

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak in opposition to bill H.3512, H.3569, H.3571, S.2258 and in support of S.2237 in regards to the Governor's support for nuclear power.

Governor Healey's energy plan embraces nuclear power and undermines the democratic process. Our legislators must do better. This repeal of our rights to decide our future is unacceptable.

There are a lot of cheerleaders for nuclear power—the nuclear industry is desperately trying to reinvent itself as a 'clean' source of energy. The people you never hear from are the impacted communities, which have suffered the broken promises of the nuclear industry and federal government. These communities were targeted for 'clean' nuclear because they were working poor, rural, people of color and Indigenous. They were forced to choose between short-term economic survival and long term health and safety.

These communities live with the contamination of their waterways, air, and land. They live with the intimidation found when a corporation controls their resources. They live with the increases in diseases. They live with the radioactive waste trapped at reactor and waste sites throughout America.

Now, before the industry has solved its waste problem—waste that must be isolated from the environment for 10,000 years—it wants to do it again. Adding insult to injury, states like MA are “entertaining” nuclear power whether SMRs, or fission, or fusion. This is a grave mistake.

I live 4 miles from the Yankee Rowe reactor and 16 miles from Vermont Yankee. The advocating for nuclear energy while there is no solution for its deadly waste is a slap in the face to communities that have borne nuclear power's assault on our lives. Our communities are stuck with high level radioactive waste dumps—vulnerable to acts of malice and climate disruption. This waste has nowhere to go.

We live with the broken promises of the nuclear industry and the federal government. Don't add the state of Massachusetts.

We have a right to clean water, clean air, clean land, and a safe place to live. We need real solutions, not a radioactive future.

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*Waking people up in a world that wants them to stay asleep.*

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