

Dear reader,

In light of the earthquakes and tsunami in Japan, we are devoting most of this email update to controversial issues involving nuclear energy. To our readers in Japan, you remain in our thoughts, and we wish you and your families the best.

1. [Is nuclear power safe for humans and the environment?](#)

Experts debating the issue include Helen Caldicott (con), US Dept. of Energy (pro), Union of Concerned Scientists (con), Exelon Nuclear (pro), professors, congressional representatives, and others.

2. [Is expanding nuclear energy production necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?](#)

Experts debating this issue include Greenpeace (con), the former head of Greenpeace International (pro), Natural Resources Defense Counsel (con), Nuclear Energy Institute (pro), and many others.

3. [Chart of Energy Use by State and by Source](#)

Our research shows that the five states that get the largest percentage of their energy from nuclear power are (in order): Vermont (33%), South Carolina (31%), New Hampshire (33%), Illinois (25%), and Pennsylvania and Connecticut are tied for fifth at 20%. Nuclear energy represents about 8% of total US energy consumption.

4. [Should the US build additional nuclear plants?](#)

Although from our archived 2008 Election website, it may still be interesting for people to read responses to this question from then presidential candidates Barack Obama (Dem.), John McCain (Rep.), Chuck Baldwin (Cst.), Bob Barr (Lib.), Cynthia McKinney (Grn.), and Ralph Nader (Ind.).

5. [ProCon.org Video Introduction](#) (see top left on all our pages)

Thanks to researcher Steven Jacobson for producing our 1:47 video introduction to ProCon.org. What do you think of our new video introduction?

6. [Illinois Bans the Death Penalty](#)

On Mar. 9, 2011, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn (D) signed legislation to repeal the state's death penalty statute. Illinois joins 15 other states and the District of Columbia that do not have capital crimes. The new law takes effect on July 1, 2011. 34 states still have the death penalty. Read our information about each state's laws as well as federal laws on capital punishment.

7. [Teachers and librarians](#), if you have not already done so, [please take two](#)

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