

WORKING AGAINST NEW PRESSURE TO BUILD MORE NUCLEAR REACTORS IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON

Preventing climate change requires swift actions with short term impacts, as well as being cost-effective and enduring. That's why NWEA opposes the new nuclear power plants while supporting energy efficiency and renewable sources. It's also why NWEA is working with others in the Pacific Northwest and nationally to counter pro-nuclear propaganda, explaining at least [six reasons why nuclear power is not an option](#): (1) long delays, (2) higher electric bills, (3) risk of nuclear theft/terrorism, (4) cancer, birth defects, and chronic diseases, (5) water consumption, and (6) nuclear power actually makes climate change worse.

The need for action is urgent. Washington State is supporting Energy Northwest's (formerly "WPPSS") partnering with Amazon to build reactors at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation to power water-guzzling data centers. In Oregon, pro-nuclear forces are seeking to overturn the 1980 ballot measure requiring the existence of a permanent high-level nuclear waste dump and a public vote before a nuclear power plant can be built. But in good news, the Oregon Department of Energy recently reported that Oregon can meet its climate goals without new nuclear power.