

12. NUCLEAR ENERGY

We support:

1. The use of existing nuclear power generators as a source of needed energy along with adequate safeguards to ensure its safe and environmentally sound use.
2. The construction of a new generation of nuclear power facilities and work to repeal the State of Illinois' moratorium on construction of new nuclear facilities.
3. Programs to provide farmers with adequate protection for themselves, their crops and their livestock from radiation contamination from nuclear plants or nuclear materials.
4. Efforts to insure that utilities operating nuclear reactors maintain the appropriate legal and financial responsibility for damage to property, livestock and personal health caused by the operation or malfunctioning of such reactors.
5. Federal research on the safe development and use of small and efficient reactors to assure the long-term supply of electricity.
6. The proper agencies of the federal government to address immediately the problem of permanent storage or re-use of radioactive waste.

We oppose the siting of nuclear waste facilities near known aquifers where pollution could occur.