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Americans Speak Up For Green Jobs

(NAPSA)—As Washington continues to debate green energy and how it can help power economic growth, Americans have found ways to make their voices heard—and with good reason.

Different types of high-tech green power have already created thousands of jobs, with nuclear power alone adding 9,000 new workers to the American economy in 2008. Indeed, regardless of economic forecasts, many analysts say the future of nuclear energy in the U.S. and worldwide looks bright.

France already uses nuclear to produce 80 percent of its electricity, with the United Kingdom and Canada among the scores of countries expressing strong interest in expanding their own green nuclear energy.

Safe And Green

For instance, a company called Westinghouse, which hired approximately 4,000 employees within the past four years, recently developed the AP1000™ reactor, the only generation III+ nuclear power plant to receive Design Certification from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

It's based on a technology that's already logged more than 3,000 reactor years of highly successful operation. Natural forces, including gravity, natural circulation and condensation, provide the plant's safety, and a comparatively smaller number of valves, pumps



Clean nuclear power has helped create thousands of American jobs.

and motors are required to actuate the passive systems.

The construction of four of the company's reactors began in China this year, and many more are expected to follow throughout the world.

Getting Involved

This type of growth could spell good news for the economy and the environment. Nuclear power is the nation's biggest producer of energy that does not emit greenhouse gases, but it could also someday be among the country's biggest industries.

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