SECOND ANNUAL CT GREEN PARTY CONVENTION

The Green Party of Connecticut will be holding its second annual state convention on September 19, 1998, at the 1199 Union Hall in Hartford, from 10AM-4PM. Registration will begin at 9:30AM. The price for attending the convention is $20.00, which will include breakfast and lunch.

This year's convention will feature the following speakers:

Annie Coeke is a long time Green activist from Pennsylvania who is currently serving as co-chair of the Association of State Green Parties. Annie has also been a prominent figure in the international Green movement. She recently represented Greens from the United States at a conference in South America which was successful in forming a Green Federation of the Americas. She will also be attending conferences in Canada, Europe, and Africa in the near future. Annie will present her thoughts on the progress of the international Green movement as well as her views on the special role of women in the Green Party.

Virginia Rasmussen of Cape Cod taught environmental studies at Alfred University in New York State, was Education Director of the New Alchemy Institute in the Cape, coordinated the Cape Cod Campaign for Civil Rights, is a member of the state-appointed Community Working Group drawing up a plan for the future of the Massachusetts Military Reservation, and co-chairs a national committee on Corporations, Trade & Democracy for the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom. She will discuss the corporate influence over culture, law, and democracy.

We will also have speakers who will discuss the Millstone power plants and our election '98 efforts.

The state convention will also feature election of officers, the passage of by-laws, and the passage of an interim platform. Only official members of the CT Green Party will be allowed to vote. Current office holders are Amy Vas Nunes, Co-chair; Tom Sevigny, Co-chair; Karin Norton, Secretary; and Chris Reilly, Treasurer. Those Green Party members who are interested in running for any of these offices should contact Tom Sevigny at 860-693-8344 or Amy Vas Nunes at 860-487-1197.

Please join us September 19 as we continue to build the Green Party of Connecticut.

THE POWER STRUGGLE CONTINUES

"I believe in municipal ownership of these monopolies because if you don't own them, they will in time own you. They will destroy your politics, corrupt your institutions, and finally destroy your liberties. "

TOM JOHNSON, Mayor of Cleveland, 1901-1909.

On April 15, 1998, the Connecticut General Assembly passed an electric utility restructuring bill (5005). Bill 5005 was passed even though two of the Assembly's own committees had overwhelming rejected an earlier version of the bill. The Green Party and other environmental coalitions put up a valiant fight against a multi-million dollar campaign waged by corporate interests and state utilities to pass 5005. What emerged from this debacle was a multi-billion dollar bailout of Northeast Utilities and United Illuminating.

Consumers soon wake up to find that they have exchanged a regulated monopoly for an unregulated oligopoly that will ultimately turn into an energy cartel. Consumers will also soon find out that a new set of charges will appear on their bills that will pay off a multi-billion dollar bailout of nuclear power plants and other costs. We have a great deal to learn from this most recent example of corrupt politics in the Connecticut General Assembly.

Early on in the legislative session a legislator who was against 5005 told me that "less than two dozen people in this legislature understand or have taken the time to read this bill." Legislator's ignorance of the details of 5005 and the ability of big money interests to control the leadership of both houses of the General Assembly guaranteed the passage of this legislation. The Governor's office worked hard in hand with big money interests to make sure that this legislation was pushed through the legislature this year.

During the legislative session both the Appropriations and the Finance committees rejected 5005 by a two to one ratio and recommended further study of the issue. If this had been any other bill in any other year, that would have been the end of "restructuring". The leadership of the legislature, especially Senate ProTempore Kevin Sullivan (West Hartford, district 5) and House speaker Rep. Thomas Ritter (Hartford, district 2), were determined to run over any opposition to 5005. Thomas Ritter, who has since quit the legislature, has numerous alleged conflicts of interest issues related to this energy legislation (see Hartford Courant, 5/21/97, pg 1, "F ur in deregulation debate tied to law maker" by Mike McIntyre). House Speaker Thomas Ritter's chief legal counsel and author of last year's restructuring legislation (bill 6774), Richard Orr, reappeared this year as a lobbyist for Northeast Utilities. Orr's law firm was paid a retainer of $100,000 for Richard Orr's services to N.U. and to act as one of the many lobbyists for the utility giant. William A. DiBella of Old Saybrook, a former powerful Connecticut Legislator, was also hired by N.U. to lobby on the restructuring legislation. Former Democratic chairman Doney and powerful lobbyist and Republican Jay Malcynsky also joined N.U.'s minions to lobby to protect N.U.'s interests. One veteran capitol observer said that 5005 should have been called "the full employment for lobbyists act of 1998". Clearly the fix was in, but what will be harder to fix in the future is the environmental and economic costs of this legislation.

AN IMPORTANT VICTORY

A major victory for the Green Party and its environmental coalition, P.O.W.E.R. (People Opposing Wasteful Energy Rip-offs) occurred when the final version of bill did not include long term bonds for the nuclear power plants. Instead the legislature decided to have ratepayers pay for the nuclear power plant bailout on a pay as you go basis. (see Systems Benefit Charge below). This means that the billions of dollars in interest that would have gone to Wall Street investment companies and banks to pay off the 12 year bonds did not become law. This is a major victory for consumers and may yet be the undoing of this bad legislation. As the bailout or "stranded costs" of nuclear power decommissioning and long term waste disposal appear on people's electric bills though various charges, people may begin to realize what "restructuring" is all about. This legislation will make the consumer pay for past, present, and future mismanagement and bad decision making. Consumers may realize in the future that these fees are really utility taxes going to privately owned corporations. Without a bonded bailout consumer's electric bills may "spike" in the future to pay
Groton Green Chapter Plans

Presently, the Groton Green Chapter is planning to integrate its Public Access Television Program with an Interactive Website. On the Website we are going to have Electronic Democracy. We will ask people to vote on the Website regarding local, state and national issues. We will publish the results both on the Website and on our Public Access Program. One local question will be: "Do you want nuclear power plants?"

If we can develop this project and hopefully it will be successful, we plan to share it with other Groton Chapters. Could you imagine if every Green Chapter in the U.S. had such a Website for 'Electronic Democracy', we might be closed down for starting a democratic movement. We've got 'High Hopes'. Also, we've acquired all the equipment necessary to have a television production company--we have a digital editing suite, digital camera, and we're placing an order for a teleprompter. Once we have the communications tool of the 21st Century, namely, a television production company, or 'documentary production company', we can do our part in the struggle for class-consciousness--we will try to dispel the inertia and apathy that keeps mainstream media self-righteous and irrelevant while at the same time fostering de facto slavery of the voting class by consistently holding the percentage of voters to a maximum of 50% who actually vote. De jure slavery would be the legalization of the proposition that a person can't vote. In other words, Blacks prior to the Civil War couldn't legally vote and, therefore, they were political slaves. De facto slavery exists where the person has the right to vote, but doesn't exercise the franchise. Since 50% of the eligible voters don't exercise their right to vote because they don't perceive any cause and effect relationship between their vote and their social status and condition, de facto slavery is rampant in America. By sentimentalizing people with the proposition of 'Electronic Democracy' which actually Ross Perot discussed, there's a possibility that de facto slavery can be converted into active civic involvement called democracy. That's the hope of the Groton Green Party.

Greens Unfurl New State Banner at Willimantic Boombox Parade

We have a Beautiful 5' by 8' dark green coated nylon banner saying CONNECTICUT GREEN PARTY in large bright white block letters on one side is a 3D Sunflower and on the other side is a vivid green turquoise globe! The banner has short and long poles for carrying or mounting and can also hang on a rope. The materials were donated by Amy Vans Nunez and the loving artful labor was donated by John Delias. This is available for all chapters to use at events and demos, Contact Amy 860-847-1197 to get the banner for your event.

The Boombox Parade is attended by about 5000 people on July 4th. It has been happening for about 10 years and evolved from wanting to parade without having a band; many entries are very silly. People cheered us along Main St. We handed out lots of brochures and even got a nice letter and donation from a Willowbrook student. This year we will have the banner in our Green Party tee shirts in other parades such as Xmas, FreddieFisher, Columbus Day etc. and of course political marches and demonstrations. It looks FABULOUS and we saved $100's by making it ourselves.

CLINTON AND RUSH AFRAID OF GREENS

President Pitches In at Chavez fund-raiser - Clinton urged people who've voted for New Mexico Green Candidates "to take another look at the consequences of their votes".

The Albuquerque Tribune - headline

Clinton helps pump green into Chavez-Denish campaign

Campaign money, however, wasn't the only thing 'green' on Clinton's mind. The president focused on the ballot strength of the state's upstart Green Party. It has proved itself a political player in two special congressional elections in New Mexico in 1997 and 1998. The Green Party's showing has Clinton and state Democratic Party leaders trying to win back voters lost to the Green Party.

"I would ask that people in New Mexico who have voted in the past, for whatever reason, for the Green Party, but who honestly care about the environment, to take another look at the consequences of their votes," Clinton said. 7/29/98 national syndicated radio

Rush Limbaugh picked up on this today, going on and on about how weak Clinton and the Dems are that they have to talk about the Greens that the President is worried about the Green party! Then Rush went on to call us 'socialists' and "environmental wackos."

Thanks a lot Rush!

Rush has a huge audience, including a sizable number of people who know that there is a problem with the air pollution in effect one party, the Dems and Republicans. These people know that Rush is good at identifying many of the problems, but that he is really a wacko, and worse - nothing more than a tool and apologist for the wealthy and corporate elite.

Green principles such as national health insurance, elimination of nuclear power, safe energy, and reductions in military spending, are not special interests. These are views that are widely held in the public, including many who have and will tune in to Rush.

Thanks again Rush!

FIVE POWER PLANTS TARGETED IN LOCAL DEMONSTRATION

The Fairfield County Green Party will join New Haven Greens and the Toxics Action Center at a rally to clean up Connecticut's "Filthy Five" power plants on Saturday, August 8th on the New Haven green.

In Connecticut there are five electricity plants that enjoy a loophole in Connecticut's air quality laws.

These generators have not been required to meet current emissions standards since 1976. Because these plants are allowed to emit two to three times more pollution than newer plants burning the same fuel, they account for a great portion of the state's air-quality problems. In fact, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) these five plants are responsible for more than 50% of the smog and soot forming pollutants emitted by all of the state's major industrial polluters. They produce more pollution than 400,000 cars. These pollutants are a major reason why Fairfield County has the second worst air quality in the nation behind Los Angeles.

These plants pose a major threat to public health in Connecticut. The EPA estimates that 97% of Connecticut's citizens breathe air that is seriously unhealthy. Moreover, according to the American Lung Association, over 600,000 children are at risk for getting sick simply from breathing the air in addition to the 175,000 people who already suffer from asthma in the state. At particular risk are urban neighborhoods and communities of color where air pollution is the worst. Tragically, in Connecticut an estimated 400 premature deaths occur each year as a result of air pollution.

The "Filthy Five" power plants are located in Bridgeport, New Haven, Norwalk, Middletown, and Montville. Since three of the five are within our communities, the Fairfield and New Haven County Greens have decided to join forces in our efforts to get these plants cleaned up.

The simplest way to get the companies to meet modern emissions standards is for the Governor to issue an executive order compelling them to do so. Such an order, however, is almost impossible without public pressure. This is why The Green Party officially launched our clean up the "Filthy Five" campaign with a rally in New Haven. The rally featured speakers from the Toxics Action Center and The Green Party. Join us and help persuade Governor Rowland to clean up Connecticut's "Filthy Five."

ASSOCIATION OF STATE GREEN PARTIES: INTERIM POSITION STATEMENT

April 1998 - The Association of State Green Parties is dedicated to the values of the international Green movement. Our goal is to create a just and sustainable society based on the ten key values of Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-based Economics, Feminism, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus. To work toward this goal the Coordinating Committee of the Association of State Green Parties has adopted the following positions reflecting the sense of the Association in the anticipation of the adoption of a national platform.

We support human rights nationally and internationally. We will work to end racism, sexism, discrimination based on gender status and sexual orientation and discrimination against people based on age, disability, religion or nationality. We support affirmative action to remedy discrimination, to protect constitutional rights and to provide equal opportunity under the law.

We advocate the use of true-cost pricing in energy and resource management to protect our natural resource heritage for future generations. We call for a new definition of wealth that includes clean air and water, biodiversity, health, education, and peace as measures of economic security.

We support legislative, institutional and economic policies that will accelerate the development of renewable energy resources.

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JUMPING OFF THE DEREGULATION BRIDGE
by T.J. Sevigny
Co-Chair Green Party of CT

Someone once defined insanity as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. If this is true then politicians have to be the most insane people in the world. Take the supposed panacea of deregulation. Ever since the late 1970s politicians have been touting the miraculous benefits of deregulation while they systematically removed government regulations governing various industries. This policy began with the transportation industries (airlines, trucking, air freight, railroads) during the late 1970s and has continued ever since with financial institutions during the Reagan and Bush years, most notably the savings and loan industry, and right on through to the Clinton Administration with the telecommunications business. The arguments for deregulation have always been the same: Removing government restrictions on the private sector would let free and open competition rule the marketplace. Getting rid of regulations would spur the growth of new companies. Existing companies would become more efficient or perish. Competition would create jobs, drive down prices and benefit consumers and businesses alike.

That's the theory. Reality is totally different. Since deregulation of the airlines in 1978, more than a dozen airline companies have merged or gone out of business causing more than 50,000 people to lose their jobs. Since deregulation of the trucking industry in 1986, more than 100 trucking companies have gone out of business and more than 150,000 workers have lost their jobs. Since deregulation of the savings and loan industry in 1982, about 650 thrifts have folded and taxpayers are stuck with a bailout of half a trillion dollars. In other words, deregulation has led to merger mania, lost jobs, reduced wages and benefits of workers, increased taxes, and higher costs for services. The same results are beginning to happen in the recently deregulated telecommunications industry. Larger companies are swallowing smaller ones (SNET has recently been gobbed up by a Texas firm), and bills for cable TV and phone service have risen (my cable bill has gone up $4.00 since the Telecommunication Act was passed). As competition becomes more and more intense, look for layoffs, decreased wages, poorer service and higher bills—again, if you continue to do the same thing you will continue to get the same result.

Connecticut politicians, however, must believe such logic does not pertain to the deregulation of the utility industry. We once again heard the same arguments—lower prices, the miracles of the competitive marketplace, consumer choice—despite past evidence to the contrary. Furthermore, as if this evidence of past deregulation disasters was not enough, the results of recent utility deregulation legislation passed in other states was also available for the perusal of our state politicians. According to Greenpeace USA advisor Henry Wasserman, these state-by-state battles have made this much clear:

Utility deregulation is bitterly opposed by much of organized labor. They argue that any savings in electric bills will be paid for by lowered wages and worsened working conditions, degraded service and increased unreliability.

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The news from Millstone Nuclear Power Station has been good, bad and scary.

The good news is that Unit II will never go critical again. The company finally admitted that it just wasn't worth doing. During the first few months of its 2-1/2 year shutdown, NUREC found over 16,000 problems with the unit.

The bad news is that Unit III is chugging away at peak power.

The scary news only begins with the fact that a former worker of conscience (a.k.a. whistle blower who got fired) has finally got the NRC and the world to listen to his rather grave warning. It seems that the fireproofing material used to prevent the spread of fire at Millstone (and many other nuclear plants) was improperly installed by workers who didn't know what they were doing. Not only did they install it wrong, but the stuff was several years beyond its expiration date before it was installed. During those years, it wasn't stored at room temperature, as required, but in a trailer where it was subjected to extreme temperatures, which is known to break down the material's flame resistance.

Not only that, but the stuff burns. Tests showed that once it caught fire, it burned for hours. A laboratory report compared it to the way dry leaves burn. Here's the really scary part. Since current NRC standards require fire prevention materials to be

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Utility companies may now profit from selling ever-larger quantities of electricity, effectively doing away with the ethic of conservation and possibly strangling "marginal" customers they were previously required to serve.

Although much of the environmental community saw deregulation as a way to shut down America's aging nuclear power plants—which cannot compete—they now have come to the realization that deregulation is a scam to prop up the nuclear industry while killing advances in renewable energy, conservation, and pollution control.

Consumer groups, some of which saw deregulation as a path to lower rates, are now warning that deregulation will drive prices down for big industrial users but up for renters, homeowners and small businesses.

Nationally, deregulation is already creating a merger frenzy which will lead toward a utility market that Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) has described as a "Jurassic Park run by a few T-Rex utility giants, in which the consumer and the environment are the inevitable prey."

State legislatures are bailing out utility companies a to the tune of $135 billion in bad reactor investments, plus billions more in obsolete and environmentally unsafe coal and oil burners: in California and Massachusetts, the bailout may eat 40% of consumers' electric bills.

The natural gas industry, among other industries, is lobbying hard for deregulation because they expect to sell almost infinite quantities of its product despite methane's potential as perhaps the worst greenhouse gas of all.

Despite all this additional evidence, Connecticut legislators led our state toward the hell of utility restructuring singing the same old hymns from the deregulation gospel. The newest hymn was that everyone else is doing it, so Connecticut should also.

Last week, Senate President Pro Tem and Speaker of the House proffered a plan to deregulate and we were asked, "Will you jump off a bridge if everyone else was doing it?"

I guess most of our legislators would answer yes: which proves my original assertion that politicians must be insane.

FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS

If you are willing to pledge $250 please forward me the following information:

Name, address, employer, occupation, e-mail, phone number, and amount to be contributed. Checks will be written during the first few months of 1999. Married couples must sign checks separately if the donation is from a joint account.

Also, individuals who can not afford the $250 can pool their money together and give to one person to write the check. Therefore, I urge all chapters to gather a list of people in their area who are willing to give $10, $20, $50 or whatever amount toward a $250 total. That $250 should then be put into one individual's checking account. If each chapter is able to do this, then it gives us a way to check the list. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me via e-mail or call me at 860-693-8344.
2nd Annual State Convention
Saturday, September 19, 1998
Hartford, Connecticut
9 am to 5 pm
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Convention Agenda Items
• Interim Platform
• By Laws
• Noted Speakers (See Article on pg.1)
• Lunch
• Election of State Officers (Get Involved!)
• Strategy

5:00 pm Social Gathering at local Italian Restaurant, (pay for your own)

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21 Arrested in Protest
Amy VazNunes

On Thursday 8/27 Nuclear Free New England campaign started the first in a series of actions to permanently close the remaining 4 of 9 New England Nuclear Reactors. Over 150 protesters gathered at Unit Yankee Nuclear Reactor on the CT river near Brattleboro VT. The crowd included a number of CT and other Greens from all over the USA and Europe as well as CAN (Citizens Action Network) and NIRS (Nuclear Information Resource Service) supporters, 21 brave and good souls were arrested for blocking the entrance by nonviolent civil disobedient action including an 83 year old long time activist David Dimminger of Chicago 7 fame. They have been charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct. They plan a jury trial and have pro-bono lawyers; they will barely receive slaps on their wrists.

Earlier during the week a 6 day Action Camp was held to inform and train over 300 activists for the revitalization of this movement! The CT Greens and others plan for similar future actions at Millstone and will be offering GD training for those that are interested. Those that do wish to risk arrest will also be included in peaceful protests.

Millstone/NY public education center/staff (paid by us the ratepayers) and a National Nuke industry rep. attended a number of days at the camp. They attempted to attend workshops but were banned when strategy was discussed. They also "observed" us at the demonstration!

We will be discussing these issues in greater depth at our 9/19 convention, WE WILL SHUT THEM DOWN!

A DAY WITHOUT THE PENTAGON

October 19, 1998

For information about this day of action at the Pentagon and how to rid the world of the military's parasitic influence, contact: War Resisters League • 339 Lafayette St. New York, NY 10012
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3. The Green Party of Connecticut’s membership is its most valued resource. We are developing a confidential database of our member's skills, resources, and experience. Perhaps you are a musician and are willing to play for a fundraising concert, or you are a lawyer with no time but vast expertise, and are willing to be contacted with specific questions. Or you might be a community activist with intimate knowledge of the needs of your neighborhood, or an anti-toxic activist who is widely-read on the chemicals in our environment. Maybe you have no time, but have office space and telephones you're willing to provide after hours for Green Party purposes.

Please describe yourself:

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☐ Artistic  ☐ Audio/Visual  ☐ Computer  ☐ Musical  ☐ Other
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It is not requisite that you register to vote as a Green in order to become a member of the CT Green Party although it is encouraged.
New Energy Cooperative:
A Tool for Affordable Housing

Due to the passage of the electric deregulation bill in this year's legislative session, starting in the year 2000 virtually every household will have a choice of electric suppliers, establishing a competitive market similar to the long distance telephone industry. However, without adequate preparation, small energy users could be victimized in the confusing new marketplace.

Industrial and institutional customers like hospitals, because of their size, have a solid seat at the bargaining table and are already being wooed by for-profit energy companies from across the country. But it is generally agreed that residential customers and small businesses - the mass market - will have little, if any, chance to lower their energy costs unless they join a buying club.

Amidst the frenzy of the profit seekers, a not-for-profit locally-controlled alternative has emerged in the state with the sole purpose of delivering economic benefits to its members, who own it - not investors. This alternative, the Connecticut Energy Cooperative (CERC) is being developed in partnership with a variety of grassroots, consumer, and environmental groups for the purpose of enhancing the bargaining power of small energy users for energy-related services.

The cooperative also use education and outreach to provide multiple avenues for reducing members' total energy loads.

What is a Cooperative?
A cooperative (or co-op) is a business owned and controlled democratically by the people using its services. All co-ops have four additional features:
1. Services are provided by the co-op that are not designed to maximize profits, but rather to provide goods and services to members at a reasonable price.
2. Democratic control. In most co-ops and credit unions, each member has one vote in decision-making regardless of the number of shares owned or the amount of business done with the co-op. Members elect the board of directors and vote on other issues at the co-op's meetings.

Benefits
3. Benefits proportional to use. Unlike for-profit businesses, co-ops distribute profits to members-owners on the basis of the amount of business transacted with the co-op during the year rather than on the amount of capital invested in the co-op. Credit unions and some co-ops pay dividends back in the form of annual returns to each customer.

JULY'S NRC MEETING

Friends Karen, Pete and many devoted CAN and CRCG members attended the NRC meeting to "explain" to the public in dull and scientific doublespeak that was intranslatable even with my MIE in Environmental Science.

The NRC is only concerned about strictly defined "nuclear operations". Therefore environmental and health factors regarding the reopening of Millstone that fall under other government agencies are not even considered. HERE ARE SOME NUC FACTS:
1. They only look at a 10 mile radius evacuation plan for SE Connecticut, the most populated area of all reactors including Long Island. Outside of 10 miles it falls under the jurisdiction of PRMA. People are also told not to tip the kids at school.
2. Any non radioactive discharges into the Sound or air; be they heavy metals - 
   * wrapped PCBs are etc. are the DEP's concern who of course does not run constant tests and has a dubious record considering the "non" management of the UCON waste pits and other contamination sites across CT.
3. Any projections for decommissioning were based on monetary projections when the plant was first dated licensed. They are out of date and clearly irresponsibly incorrect.

The above factors don't legally figure into what the NRC looks at concerning the relicensing of Millstone. It doesn't stop there though: even the questionable items within their jurisdiction are being ignored. There are concerns about the dangers of radioactive metal slivers up to 1/2"in long in the water system that runs the containment vessel sprayer cool but that's "ok" according to the NRC. How about the energy cooperatives for warning about radioactive gas leaks into the vessel and then into the air. If radioactive exposures were too high, they don't work at all - but to the NRC that's "ok". The audience also questioned the commissioners about a decision passed by the NRC months ago concerning NU's legal responsibility to make iodine pills available free to the public to have on hand if there is an accident at Millstone. These concerns if taken quickly MIGHT prevent some contamination. NU of course has done nothing concerning this edict because this would obviously disturb the public.

Just one more FUN FACT, this meeting was called for the public by DOD whose aide canceled our meeting. Leiberman had an aide there that toldly said they would try to meet with us and send a letter by fax (no name or number). We have not heard from them.

One final note: After persistent requests Sam Gejdenson finally agreed in a very calculating way to meet with the General Public. He came up 112 days notice. We, as he had hoped, were unable to attend. Sorry for this lengthy report but it makes attendees want to yell and throw things.

July's NRC Meeting by Amy VOCTJS

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The battle in a hundred years war over who will control the energy resources of our planet. This is just another round in that ongoing struggle to determine who will control and manage the important energy resources that are now being controlled by the rich and powerful. The power struggle for the future of energy has just begun. We need to continue to fight for a fair and environmentally sound and sustainable future. Energy policy is the key stone to these issues.

The CT Green Party and its allies will develop strategies that will ultimately lead to an economy that will support alternatives to fossil fuels and nuclear power. In the near future we need to educate our fellow citizens about the true nature of "restructuring." Most of us need to build new communities with those who know the nature
**Chapter Updates**

**N.E. Greens**
Wednesday Sept 9th, Main Street Cafe, Willimantic Socializing Starts at 5:30; Meeting 6:00. NE Greens meet the 2nd wed. of each month. Contact Max or Chris 455-0569, or Jean 456-2288 for further info.

**S.E. Greens**
The SE Greens are working on a cable access show, building membership, and closing Millstone. To find out more about the Greens in the Norwich - New London area call Glen 822-1290 or Dave 536-2291.

**Greater New Haven Area Greens**
New Haven Greens are working on building Energy Co-ops, and chapter building. Call Pete 203-397-8261 for info on the next meeting.

**Greater Hartford Greens**
The East of the River meetings were so successful, we have decided to divide our time between west and east of the river. The following is our anticipated permanent schedule: West: 1st Tuesday of Month (Sept 1st, Oct 6th, etc.) Smith House, Trinity College, 123 Vernon St, Hartford 7 pm; East: 3rd Tuesday of Month (Aug 16th, Sept 15th, Oct 20th, etc) East Hartford Community Cultural Center, 50 Chapman Place, East Hartford, Room 12. Lower level 7 pm. On the 5th Tuesday we will not have any regularly scheduled meeting. Please tell your friends about this new schedule. For information you contact any of the following: Ana Maria Lachelier, 860-627-5471, Email ALACHELIER@AOL.COM, Mike DeRosa, 860-956-8170, Email smderosa@erols.com, Joyce Tenor, 860-528-7812, Email perro@mail2.na.net

**Middletown Area Greens**
Middletown and Wesleyan Greens contact Jonathan Zaino 344-1324.

**Bridgeport/Fairfield Greens**
Next Chapter Meeting - Aug. 30th, 2:00 at Blood Root Restaurant in Bridgeport. For Info & Directions contact Paul Bassler (203) 846-2909 - Adam Shops (203) 254-3910 - Jonathan Bick (203) 371-5870

**N.W. Greens**
NW Greens are currently focusing on the clean up of the Housatonic River. The Northwest Chapter is currently in the preliminary phase of forming a coalition called H.E.A.L. (Housatonic Environmental Action League). The goal of H.E.A.L. is to hold General Electric accountable for dumping PCBs into the Housatonic River. Over a generation has passed since PCBs were discovered in the river. By way of legal maneuvers, red tape, and outright deceit, the PCB pollution has yet to be cleaned up. Enough is enough!! Northwest Chapter contacts: Tom Sevigny 860-693-8344, Judy Zaino 860-738-3190. Please call for meeting time, date, and place of future meetings.

**Stamford Area Greens**
New and Growing Chapter, Contact Paul 846-2909 for further info on meetings.

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