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Are New Nuclear Power Plants in NJ's Future?

Former NJ Gov. Christine Whitman Will Join a Panel to Discuss the Future of Nuclear Power in a Hughes Center Lecture at Stockton April 29

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Atlantic City, NJ- Presently, solar and wind energy sources are at the forefront of the alternative energy market, but will they leave room for future nuclear power plants? According to the U.S. Department of Energy, nuclear power plants currently generate approximately 20 percent of electricity produced in the United States. There are just over 100 nuclear power plants in the country, four located in southern New Jersey; however the majority of those plants were licensed 40 to 50 years ago and no new plant has been ordered in over 30 years.

On **Thursday, April 29, 2010** from **6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**, the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy will host a discussion titled "Nuclear Power in Our Future." Former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman will join William Levis, president of the Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) Power, in discussing the economic and environmental opportunities nuclear power presents. Ed Rodgers, an environmental reporter and producer, will serve as the moderator. The lecture series event will take place at Stockton's Carnegie Library Center located at 35 S. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Atlantic City.

Sharon Schulman, executive director of the William J. Hughes Center, said, "We are pleased to have distinguished experts discuss the disadvantages and advantages of nuclear power in a climate of rising energy demand."

The world's first large-scale nuclear power plant opened in 1957 in nearby Shippingport, Pennsylvania and remained in operation for 25 years. Since then, safety, financial, regulatory

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