



No More Fukushimas Peace Walk

March 2- March 21, 2012

Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant- Forked River, NJ
To
Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant- Buchanan, NY
To
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant- Vernon, VT

One year after the Nuclear disaster at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Facility the situation is far from under control. Dangerous levels of radioactivity are still being found hundreds of miles from the site of the accident. More than 160,000 people have been forced to leave their homes with little hope of returning. In addition to the incalculable health costs, the decades-long process of clean-up and decontamination of almost 1000 square miles of land may cost as much as 250 billion dollars with limited prospects for success.

Our walk is a prayer for the suffering of the Japanese people as a result of their government's reckless nuclear policies, and **a plea for the people of New Jersey, New York, and New England to recognize the grave dangers that nuclear energy poses to our lives, our property, and all life on our Mother Earth.** Nuclear energy is neither safe nor clean. The threat of a nuclear accident at one of our own aging nuclear facilities is all too real and the consequences would be unimaginably catastrophic.

We walk together in love and solidarity for a nuclear free future. A more just, sustainable, and compassionate world built on respect for all living beings and for the earth that sustains us is possible now more than ever. Please join us to help make it a reality.

March 2— (Friday): Evening Gathering-- Forked River, NJ area
March 3—(Saturday): Forked River (Oyster Creek Power Plant) to Toms River, NJ
March 4—(Sunday): Toms River to Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
March 5—(Monday): Point Pleasant Beach to West Long Branch, NJ
March 6—(Tuesday): West Long Branch to Perth Amboy, NJ (Stay on Staten Island)
March 7 – (Wednesday): Staten Island, NY to Hoboken, NJ
March 8— (Thursday): Wall St. (Manhattan) to George Washington Bridge
March 9-- (Friday): Leonia to Paterson, NJ (Stay in Wayne)
March 10-- (Saturday): Tallman, NY to Nyack, NY
March 11-- (Sunday): Croton-on-Hudson to Indian Point (Vigil @ Indian Point, 1pm; afternoon program in Peekskill)
March 12 – (Monday): Rest Day (Vigil at Entergy Headquarters, White Plains, NY @ 12pm; Evening program in Manhattan)
March 13— (Tuesday): Shuttle to Hudson NY. Walk from Hudson to Kinderhook, NY
March 14-- (Wednesday): Kinderhook to East Greenbush, NY (stay in Albany)
March 15—(Thursday): Albany to Niskayuna, NY
March 16-- (Friday): Vigil at Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory. Shuttle from Niskayuna to Worcester, MA.
Meet the Leverett Peace Pagoda walkers. Walk from Worcester to Springfield, MA.
March 17—(Saturday): Springfield –Holyoke, MA
March 18—(Sunday): Holyoke- Northampton, MA
March 19— (Monday): Northampton- Montague, MA
March 20— (Tuesday): Montague- Northfield, MA
March 21-- (Wednesday): Northfield – Vernon, VT (Vermont Yankee)

[This schedule is subject to change. Please check with the contacts listed below for any changes and/or for daily start and finish locations]

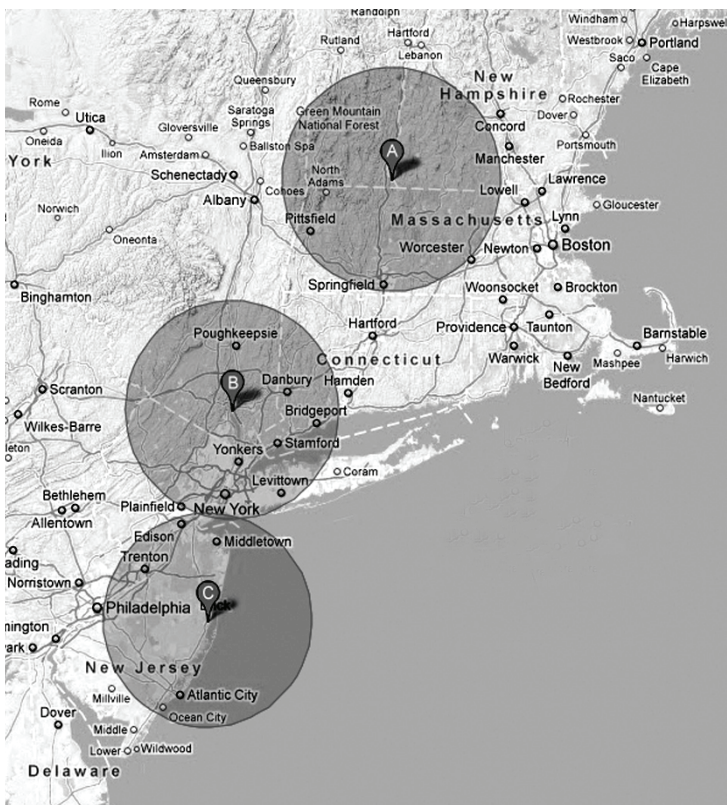
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After the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chair Gregory Jaczko called for the evacuation of U.S. citizens and military personnel in a 50 mile radius of the crippled nuclear facility. Ironically the U.S. only mandates a 10 mile evacuation radius for its own power plants!

The map to the left shows you what a 50 mile radius of (A) **Vermont Yankee**, (B) **Indian Point**, and (C) **Oyster Creek** looks like.

A nuclear accident at any one of these plants will turn these parts of our beautiful country into radioactively contaminated “dead zones,” off limits to humans for generations to come. If we allow ourselves to visualize this reality for even a moment we know that *a Nuclear Free Future is the only way forward.*

With over 14 documented safety-equipment failures, security problems, and other “near misses” at nuclear facilities in the U.S. in 2010 alone, the risks of a catastrophic accident happening sooner or later are simply too great.

The No More Fukushimas Peace Walk aims to bring support and unity to the struggles of the local communities in New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, and Vermont to shut down the nuclear facilities that threaten their well-being and the well-being of countless generations to come.

Our 19 day walk will take us from the **Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant** on Barnegat bay in Forked River, NJ through the New York City Metro area to the **Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants** in the lower Hudson valley, and finally to the **Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant** in the Connecticut River valley of southern Vermont.

Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant (Forked River, NJ)— the oldest nuclear reactor still in operation in the United States, Oyster Creek uses the same antiquated and unsafe Mark I containment structure as five of Fukushima Daiichi’s reactors. This plant has already wreaked havoc on the ecology of Barnegat Bay with its cooling system and emitted more radiation into the air than almost every other plant in the U.S. combined. Nearly 4.5 million people live within 50 miles of Oyster Creek.

Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant (Buchanan, NY) — Indian Point’s nuclear reactors and radioactive waste storage pools sit in an active seismic zone with two documented fault lines, making the potential for a nuclear disaster there very real. Such a disaster would be a direct threat to the life, health, and property of the 20 million people who live in the 50 mile radius of the plant. New York governor Andrew Cuomo has affirmed his desire to close this dangerous plant. In 2012 we can make this a reality!

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant (Vernon, VT) — After numerous accidents and safety incidents including a collapsed cooling tower and leaks of radioactive tritium into the Connecticut River and surrounding groundwater, the people and the government of Vermont have clearly affirmed their will to close Vermont Yankee by March 21st 2012. Entergy, the corporation that owns and operates the plant, is resisting this decision. Our walk will end at the gates of Vermont Yankee where we will gather in peaceful solidarity with concerned Vermonters and activists from around the world.

Please walk with us for an hour, a day, or for the whole walk!

To learn more about the danger nuclear power poses to our communities and our planet please visit these websites:
nirs.org beyondnuclear.org fairewinds.com ucsusa.org/nuclear_power ieer.org ananuclear.org
nukefree.org nukebusters.org ipsecinfo.org shutdownindianpointnow.org riverkeeper.org
safeandgreencampaign.org sagealliance.net

Walk initiated by Nipponzan Myohoji, Grafton Peace Pagoda.

Our peace walk is drug, alcohol, and weapons free