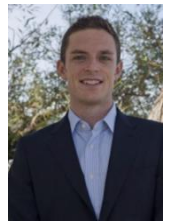


Presenters' Biographies



Robert Alvarez is a Senior Scholar at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., where he focuses on nuclear disarmament and environmental and energy policies. Between 1993 and 1999, Mr. Alvarez served as senior policy adviser to the U.S. Energy Department's secretary and deputy assistant secretary for national security and the environment. During his tenure, he led teams in North Korea to establish control of nuclear weapons materials. Before joining the Energy Department, Mr. Alvarez served for five years as a senior investigator for the U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, chaired by Sen. John Glenn, and as one of the Senate's primary staff experts on the U.S. nuclear weapons program. In 1975, Mr. Alvarez helped found and direct the Environmental Policy Institute, a national public interest organization. He also helped organize a successful lawsuit on behalf of the family of Karen Silkwood, a nuclear worker and union member who was killed under mysterious circumstances in 1974. Mr. Alvarez has published many articles and has been featured extensively in the media.



Mike Dulong is a staff attorney with Riverkeeper's Watershed Program. His work focuses on a range of watershed protection issues, including monitoring agency compliance under the New York City Watershed Agreement and ensuring that the operation of New York City's reservoirs and infrastructure has minimal impact on local ecosystems and communities. Mr. Dulong also investigates citizen pollution complaints and performs advocacy for Riverkeeper's campaign to prevent irresponsible industrial gas extraction and development in New York with a particular focus on gas development's adverse socioeconomic impacts.



Dr. Gordon Edwards co-founded the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility in 1975 and remains its president today. He has worked widely as a consultant on nuclear issues and has been qualified as a nuclear expert by courts in Canada and elsewhere. Dr. Edwards has written dozens of articles and reports on radiation standards, radioactive waste, the economics of nuclear power, and many other subjects. He has been featured on radio and television programs, and has served as a consultant for several governmental bodies such as the Auditor General of Canada. He has given keynote addresses at conferences around the world, including a 2007 International Conference on Nuclear Waste in Stockholm.



Geoffrey H. Fettus is Senior Attorney for the Energy & Transportation program of the Natural Resources Defense Council. Mr. Fettus, based in Washington, D.C., both litigates and testifies before Congress, focusing primarily on issues relating to the beginning and end of the nuclear fuel cycle. Key cases include the "Waste Confidence" victory over the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and the successful challenge to the Environmental Protection Agency's radiation protection standards for the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. Prior to joining NRDC in 2001, Geoff was a Staff Attorney at the New Mexico Environmental Law Center and an Assistant Attorney General in New Mexico's Office of the Attorney General, Environmental Enforcement Division.



Manna Jo Greene has been the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's Environmental Action Director since 2000, was formerly the Recycling Coordinator/Educator for the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency for 10 years and a registered Critical Care Nurse for 22 years. Ms. Greene holds an AAS in Nursing, a BA in biology (pre-med) from SUNY/New Paltz, and completed course work toward a Masters in Environmental Sciences at Bard College. A lifelong environmental professional and community activist, Greene avidly supports collaborative land use planning and problem solving. Working to promote the transition to a renewable energy economy, she teaches communities how to integrate environmental protection, economic prosperity (based on quality of life indicators), and social equity using effective communication. Greene also serves as Ulster County Legislator from District 19, the Towns of Rosendale and Marbletown.



Paul Gunter is director of the Reactor Oversight Project for Beyond Nuclear. He is a leading spokesperson on nuclear reactor hazards and security concerns, and acts as a regulatory watchdog over the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In 1976, Mr. Gunter co-founded the antinuclear Clamshell Alliance to oppose the construction of the Seabrook nuclear power plant, in New Hampshire, helping to launch the anti-nuclear movement in the U.S. Prior to joining Beyond Nuclear, he served for 16 years as the Director of the Reactor Watchdog Project for the Nuclear Information Resource Service.



Al Hill has been the mayor of Zion, Illinois, since 2015. The Zion Nuclear Power Station closed in 1998, devastating the town's economy to this day. About 1,000 tons of nuclear fuel rods are stored there in canisters along Illinois' lakefront shoreline. Before being elected mayor, Mayor Hill served on the Zion City Council and as Zion's Commissioner of Building, Public Property, and Zoning as well as the Director of Parks and Recreation. He also served, for five years, as Director of Parks, Recreation, Forestry, and Telecommunications in Stevens Point, Wisconsin beginning in 1981.



Tim Judson is executive director of the Nuclear Information Resource Service (NIRS), an information and networking center for citizens and environmental activists concerned about nuclear power, radioactive waste, radiation and sustainable energy issues since 1978. NIRS initiates large-scale organizing and public education campaigns on specific issues, such as preventing construction of new reactors, radioactive waste transportation, regulation of radioactive materials, and more. He is chairman of the board of the Citizens Awareness Network, which worked on issues regarding the Vermont Yankee reactor. He is also co-founder and steering committee member of the Alliance for a Green Economy in New York, which promotes the transition to a carbon-free and nuclear-free energy system.



Kevin Kamps has served as a Beyond Nuclear's Radioactive Waste Specialist since 2007, previously served at Nuclear Information and Resource Service. He has also been a board member of Don't Waste Michigan since 1993 and has long served on the Great Lakes Nuclear-Free/Green Energy Task Force, including watch-dogging Entergy's Big Rock Point site and Palisades atomic reactor, writing about decommissioning, and advocating for a just transition. Kamps' focus has been community organizing to prevent radioactive waste generation; blocking environmentally unjust, scientifically unsuitable, and non-consent based dump-sites, and their associated high-level radioactive waste transport risks; and promoting Hardened On-Site Storage, as close as possible, as safely as possible, to the point of origin, as a necessary interim measure. Kamps has also testified before Congress and met with officials at the highest levels of federal agencies charged with radioactive waste management, including the Department of Energy, the NRC, and the EPA.



Deb Katz is a founding member and executive director of the Citizens Awareness Network, an organization that was instrumental in the closure of four New England nuclear reactors, including Vermont Yankee. The organization intervened in the decommissioning of the Yankee Rowe and Connecticut Yankee reactors and won a lawsuit against the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the illegal decommissioning of the Rowe reactor. The group also won a lawsuit against Boston Edison in its attempt to transfer its high-level waste to the Skull Valley Goshute Reservation in Utah. Katz, a resident of Rowe, Massachusetts, has organized decommissioning forums throughout New England and was instrumental in the creation of a Citizens Advisory Panel for the decommissioning of the Vermont Yankee reactor.



David Kraft has been director of the Nuclear Energy Information Service in Chicago since 1981. He co-founded the organization to provide the public with reliable information about nuclear power and radiation hazards. He has given presentations on these and other issues to countless community groups, government agencies, and classes, and has appeared extensively in the Chicago-area and national media. Mr. Kraft had also served on the Boards of the Environmental Fund of Illinois, and the Illinois Student Environmental Network; and now sits as a Board member of Earth Share Illinois and is on the Steering Committee for Climate Justice Chicago, which deals with the global warming issue