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## Government Nuclear Decision Flies in the Face of the Evidence

An analysis published today by Nuclear Free Local Authorities (1) shows Government has not based its support for nuclear power on the evidence it received during the Energy Review. Local government opinion strongly favoured renewable energy, combined heat and power generation, better energy efficiency and energy saving in homes and workplaces. Several submissions to the energy review mapped viable non nuclear strategies.

The Department of Trade and Industry's own independently commissioned analysis of responses to the Energy Review (2) found:

"Most individuals who responded to the consultation, including a significant number of people responding to campaigns, were negative about nuclear energy, because of accidents, such as Chernobyl, as well as the danger of terrorist attacks and concerns over the security of uranium supply." 493 organisations that responded were equally divided on nuclear. Radioactive waste was often cited as a major concern.

Nuclear Free Local Authorities Secretary, Stewart Kemp, said:

"The Government's support for nuclear power is not based on the evidence it received. The review findings published by Government in The Energy Challenge appears to amount to a dodgy dossier fabricated to justify and facilitate a decision already made. If nuclear is developed it will deliver less carbon emissions reduction than equivalent expenditure on renewables, CHP, and better energy use. Nuclear power is bad for the climate."

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Notes

1) Powering Britain: Sustainable energy strategies and the role of local authorities, New Nuclear Monitor No. 10, July 2006, 15pp. Available at: <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>

2) Analysis of Responses to the Energy Review Consultation, DTI/Pub 06/1565, June 2006, 98pp. Available at: <http://www.dti.gov.uk/energy/review/page31995.html>



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