



“Disappointing Step Backwards”

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“The Minnesota Senate’s vote today to lift the restrictions on new nuclear plants is a disappointing step backwards for Minnesota. Construction of new nuclear power plants is extremely expensive and time consuming, and will not create jobs for 15 to 20 years. Plus, the problem of permanent nuclear waste storage has not been resolved.

“This is not what Minnesotans want. In a November 2010 poll conducted by a national bipartisan polling team, a majority of voters said they support the existing law that prohibits new nuclear power plants.

“It is better for all Minnesotans that we stay on track to create a clean energy future for our children and grandchildren by developing more in-state renewable energy sources and creating more good-paying, clean energy jobs now.”

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Minnesota Environmental Partnership is a statewide coalition of 80 nonprofit conservation and environmental organizations, representing more than 450,000 Minnesotans. Formed in 1998, MEP works with its member organizations to protect and restore Minnesota’s lakes, rivers, streams, forests, wildlife habitat and natural areas.

**Polling data is from a statewide telephone poll of 701 registered Minnesota voters, conducted Nov. 16-21, 2010 for the Minnesota Environmental Partnership by the bipartisan research team of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (D) and Public Opinion Strategies (R). The margin of sampling error for the statewide sample is 3.7 percentage points, plus or minus, at a 95 percent confidence level; margins of error for subgroups within the sample will be larger.*

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