

Kevin Kamps has served as Radioactive Waste Watchdog at Beyond Nuclear at Nuclear Policy Research Institute since July, 2007. (Before that, he served in a similar role, as nuclear waste specialist at Nuclear Information & Resource Service (NIRS) in Washington, D.C. since June of 1999). Beyond Nuclear aims to educate and activate the public about the connections between nuclear power and nuclear weapons and the need to abolish both to safeguard our future. Beyond Nuclear advocates for an energy future that is sustainable, benign and democratic. The Beyond Nuclear team works with diverse partners and allies to provide the public, government officials, and the media with the critical information necessary to move humanity toward a world beyond nuclear.

At Beyond Nuclear, Kevin's focus is on high-level radioactive waste issues. Kevin addresses the safety and security risks of high-level radioactive waste storage on-site at nuclear power plants, as well as the economic, environmental and public health risks associated with government and industry efforts to dump commercial irradiated fuel rods on Native American lands in the western United States, particularly on Western Shoshone Indian land at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

The Yucca dump's opening would require unprecedented tens of thousands of shipments of high-level atomic wastes by truck, train and barge through 45 States and the District of Columbia, past the homes of 50 million Americans, over the course of decades. Kevin has traveled the country, educating local communities and their elected officials at all levels of government about the risks of atomic waste transportation.

Kevin has worked closely with the U.S. congressional delegations and governors offices of Utah and Nevada to protect public health and safety in the face of national radioactive waste dumps targeted at their states. He has also collaborated with the offices of U.S. congressional leaders, such as U.S. Senate Leader Harry Reid, U.S. Representatives Ed Markey (chairman of the U.S. House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming), and U.S. Representative Dennis Kucinich (chairman of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Domestic Policy) to address issues of radioactive waste safety and security.

Kevin has also met with and testified before officials at the highest levels of the U.S. federal agencies charged with radioactive waste management, including the Department of Energy, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Environmental Protection Agency.

In 2007, Kevin worked against nuclear waste of another kind, opposing the nuclear power industry's attempted money grab of \$50 billion from the U.S. Treasury in the form of nuclear loan guarantee subsidies for the building of new reactors. This fight continues in 2008, as the industry seeks to appropriate \$250 billion from public coffers.

He serves on the state-wide board of directors of Don't Waste Michigan, as well as on the Nuclear-Free/Green Energy Task Force of Great Lakes United (a U.S.-Canadian coalition of scores of grassroots environmental groups). In this capacity, he has testified before the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission on trans-boundary impacts of nuclear power and radioactive waste.

Kevin has been featured in such national publications and on such television networks as The Washington Post, Newsweek, CNN, MSNBC, and CNBC. In spring, 2007 he was featured in national print and broadcast media across Australia during a month-long, country-wide speaking tour there. He has spoken at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., as well as the press club of the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa, where he was featured on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and other national Canadian news media.

Kevin attended Earlham College, a Society of Friends (Quaker) school in Richmond, Indiana as well as Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he studied biology and chemistry, respectively.