

Tomorrow's nuclear leaders

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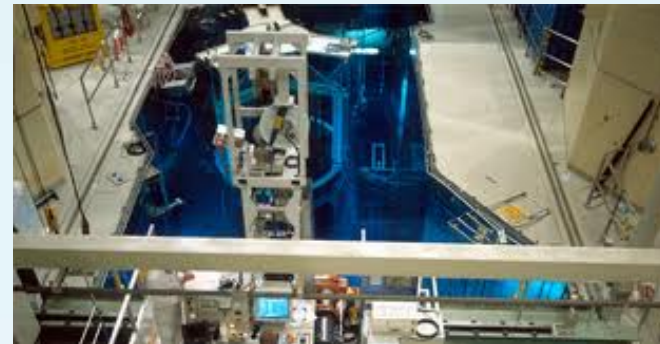
My Background: Industry



1980-2012



Nuclear Safety and Environment



Nuclear Business Development



Nuclear Communication and
Governmental Appointments



Environmental Audits of
Uranium Mines

My Background: International Organisations



Board Member



EUROPEAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY

President



Member of INSAG



Last Chairman



First Chairman

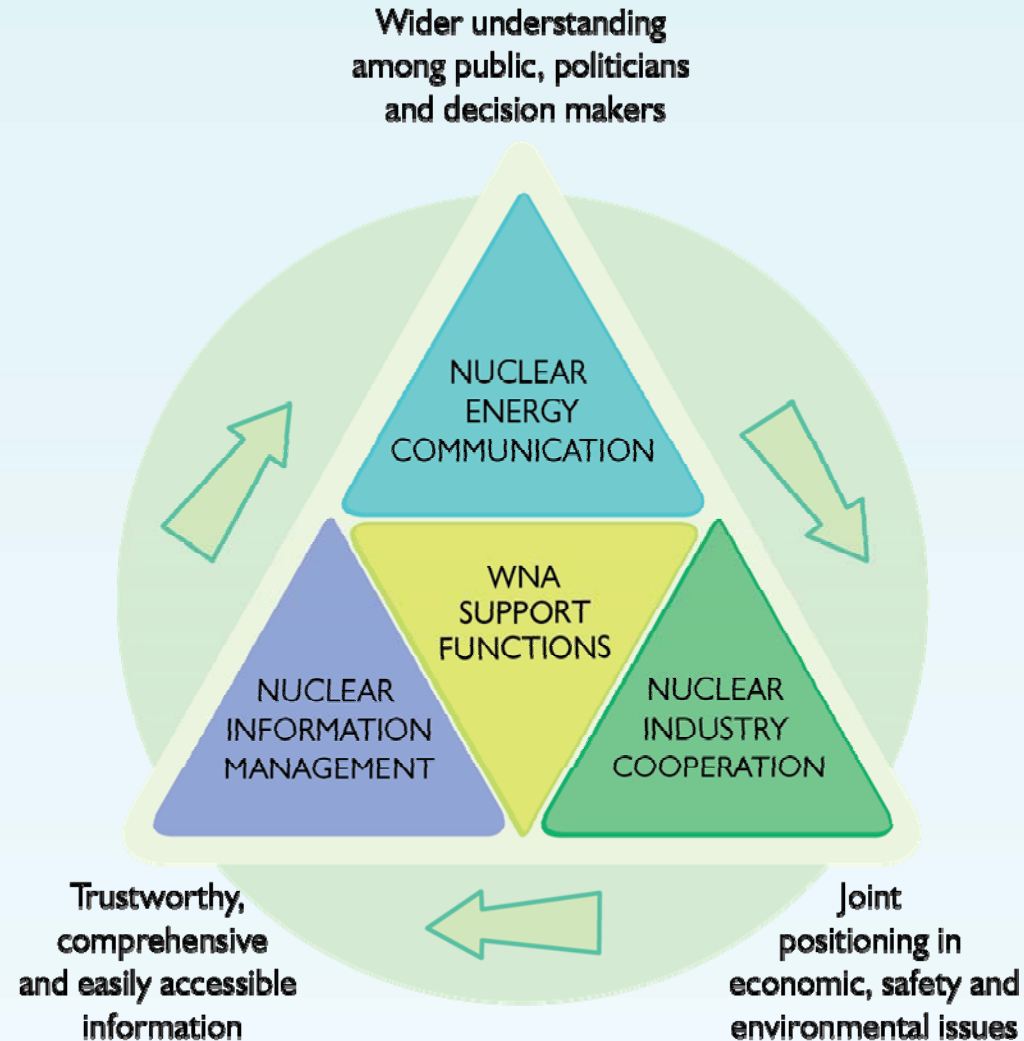


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New WNA Strategic Direction



How the world experienced the Fukushima nuclear accident – 1



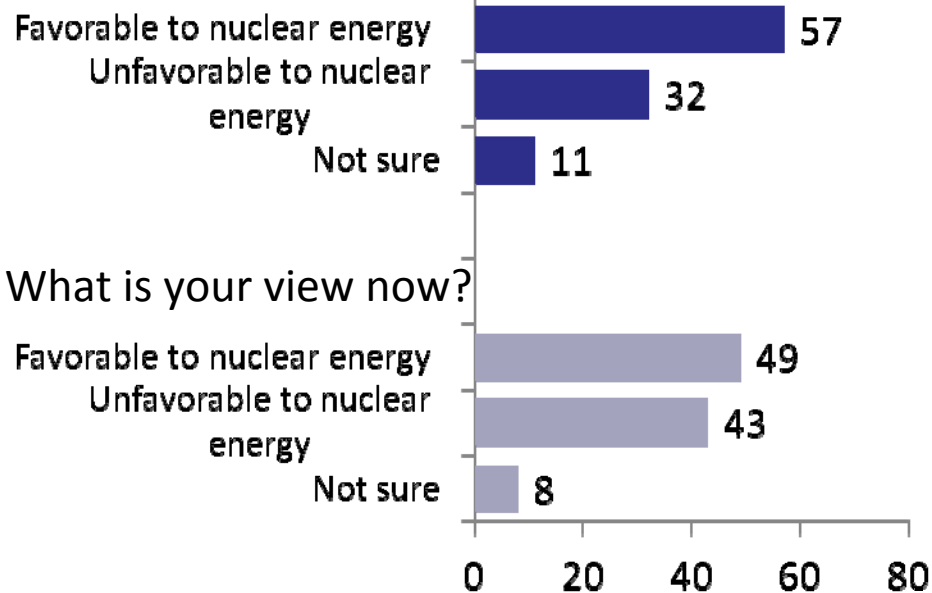
The Fukushima nuclear accident caused a global media storm. Initially coverage was divided between the natural disaster and the plant. Soon however the emphasis was solely on developments at the nuclear plant .

How the world experienced the Fukushima nuclear accident – 2

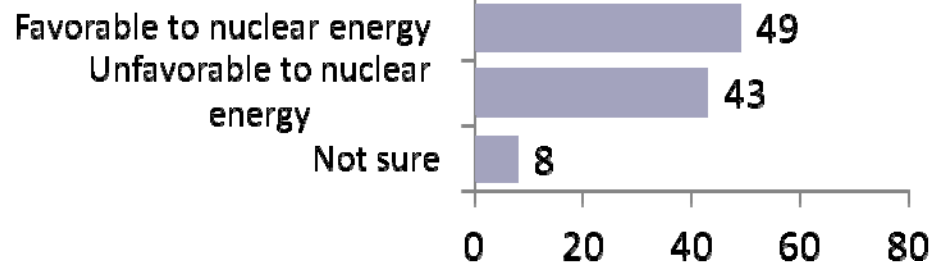


Outside of Japan this led to a public backlash against nuclear power just about everywhere – and protests in many countries

What was your view prior to Fukushima?



What is your view now?



Poll: 47 countries Source NEI – WIN
Gallup international March-April 2011

How I experienced it

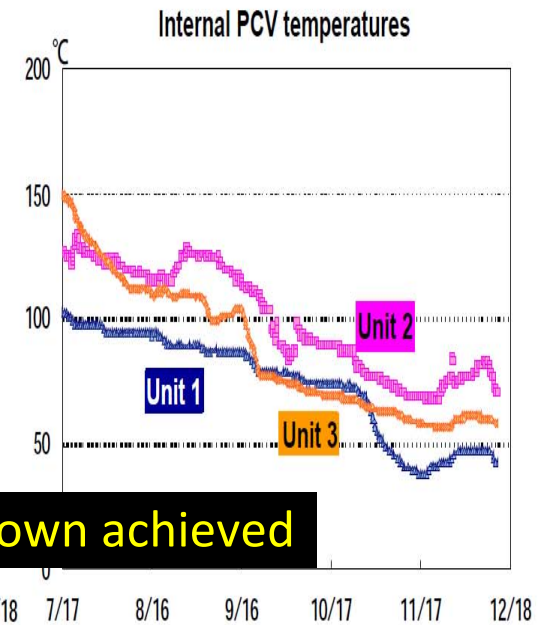
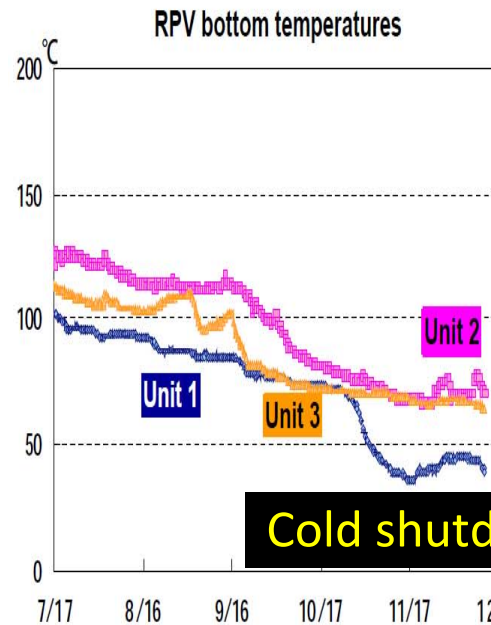
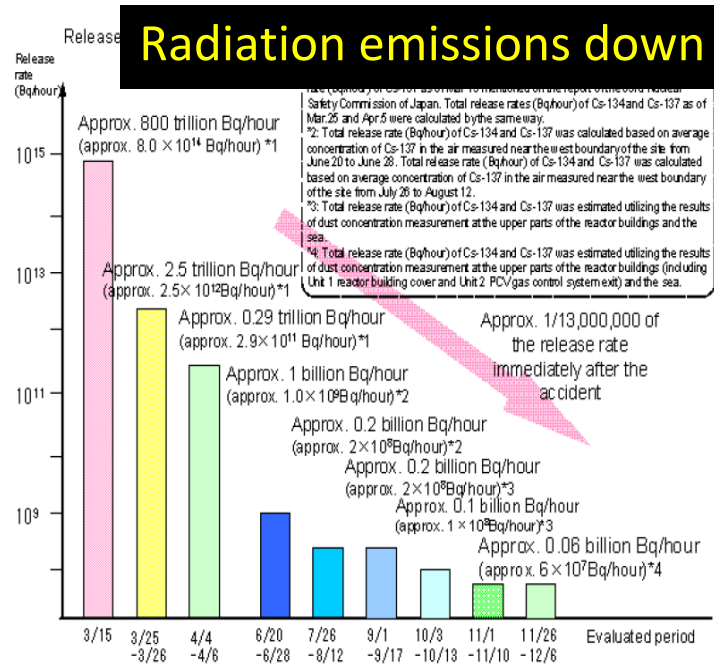


As a radiation professional, it was disappointing to see so much unnecessary fear caused – even by those who should have known better.

I realised that fundamentally we had failed to communicate effectively on radiation risk



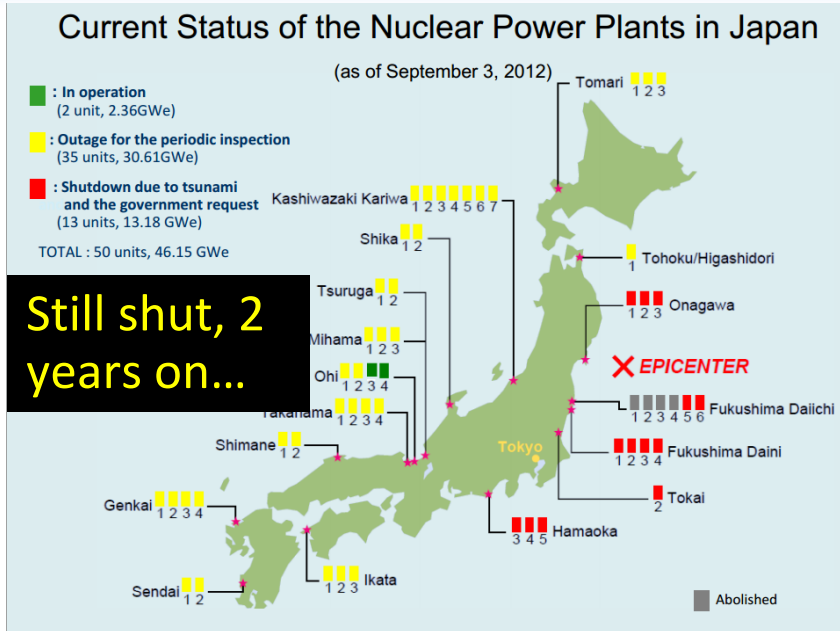
Japan you've come so far –



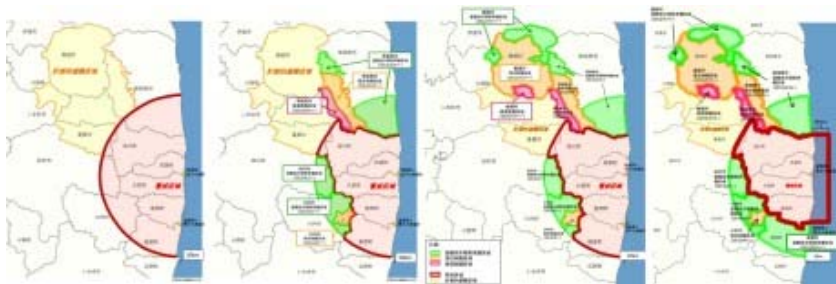
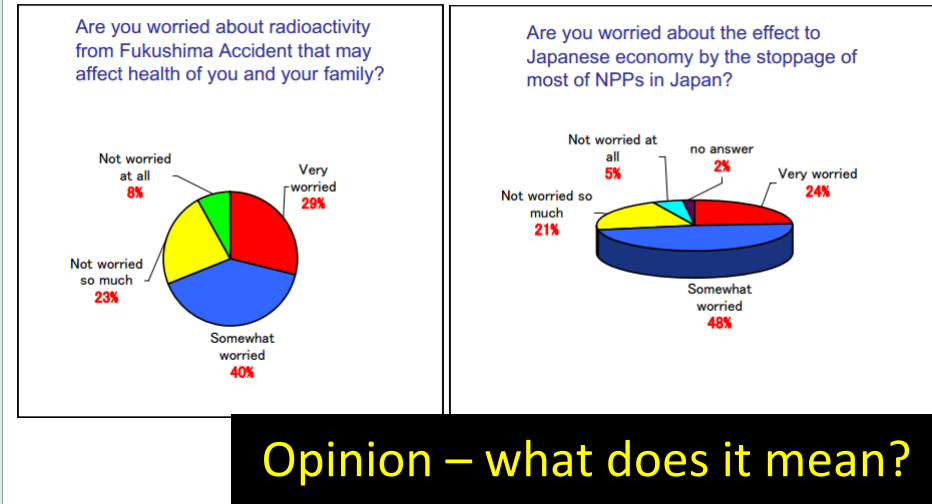
Cold shutdown achieved



...but the road ahead is long



Public Opinion Survey by Yomiuri Newspaper on March 4, 2013



Who is returning?

The fundamental challenges facing Japan are no longer technical ones. They are social and political in nature. They require philosophy. They require communication.

Long-term development based on experience, realities and facts



Every country which has experienced a serious reactor accident is today committed to nuclear power development



**UK. Windscale fire 1957, Today:
16 reactors in op.
19GWe planned**



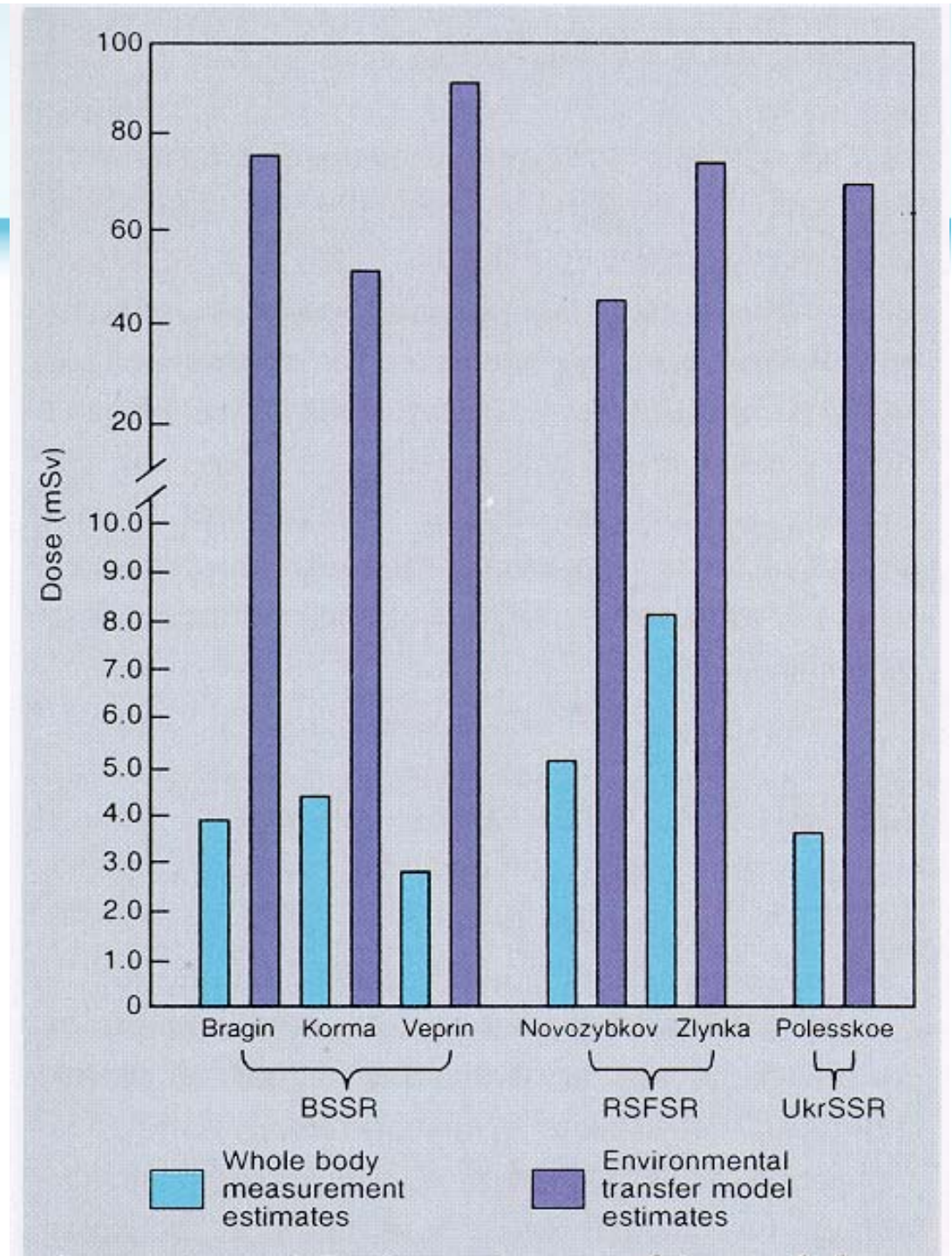
**USA. Three Mile Island 2 1979. Today
103 reactors in operation
3 under construction**



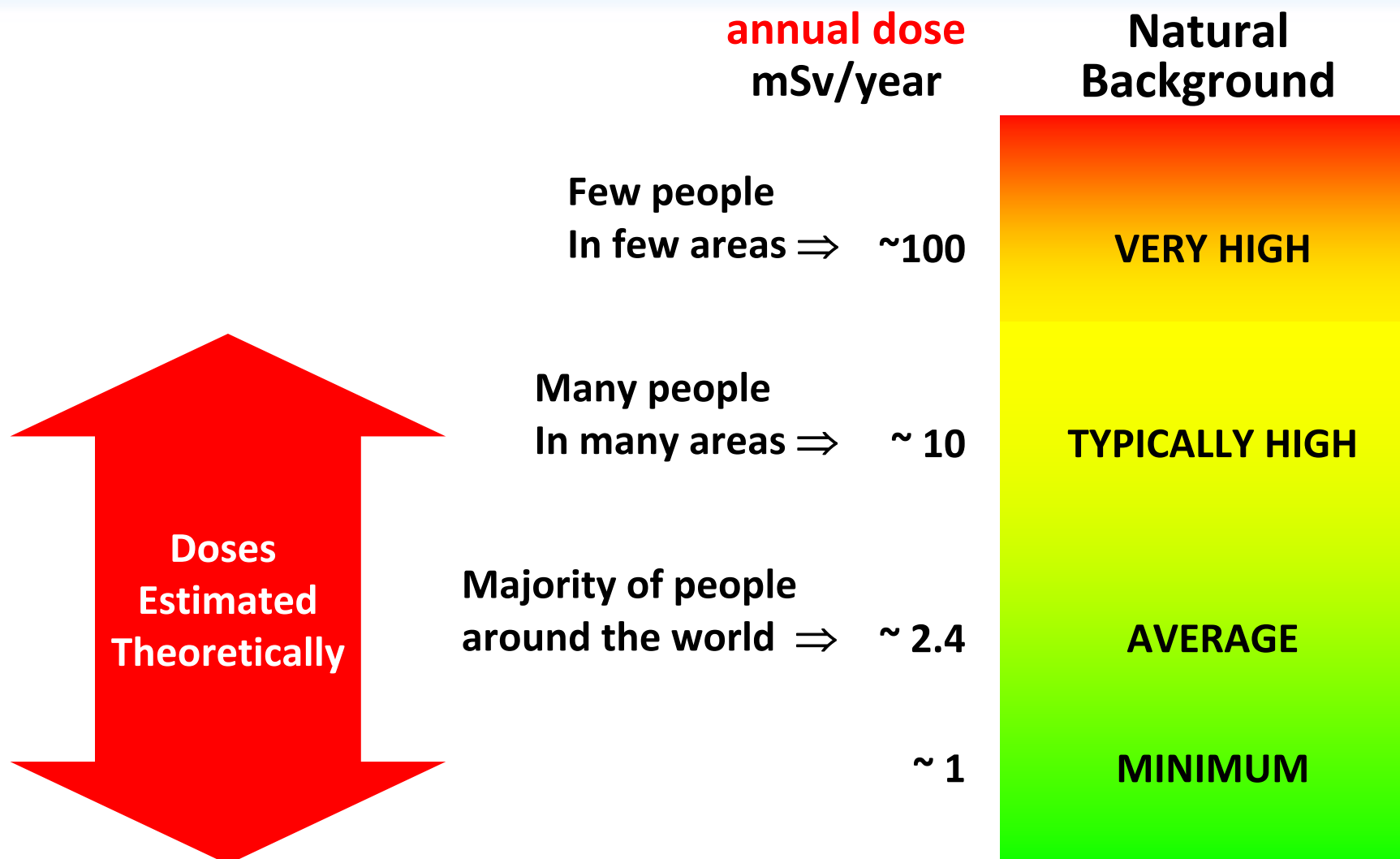
**Ukraine. Chernobyl 4 1986. Today
15 reactors in operation
2 under construction**

A lesson from Chernobyl:

Radiation doses
measured
in vivo
were much lower than
doses theoretically
estimated.



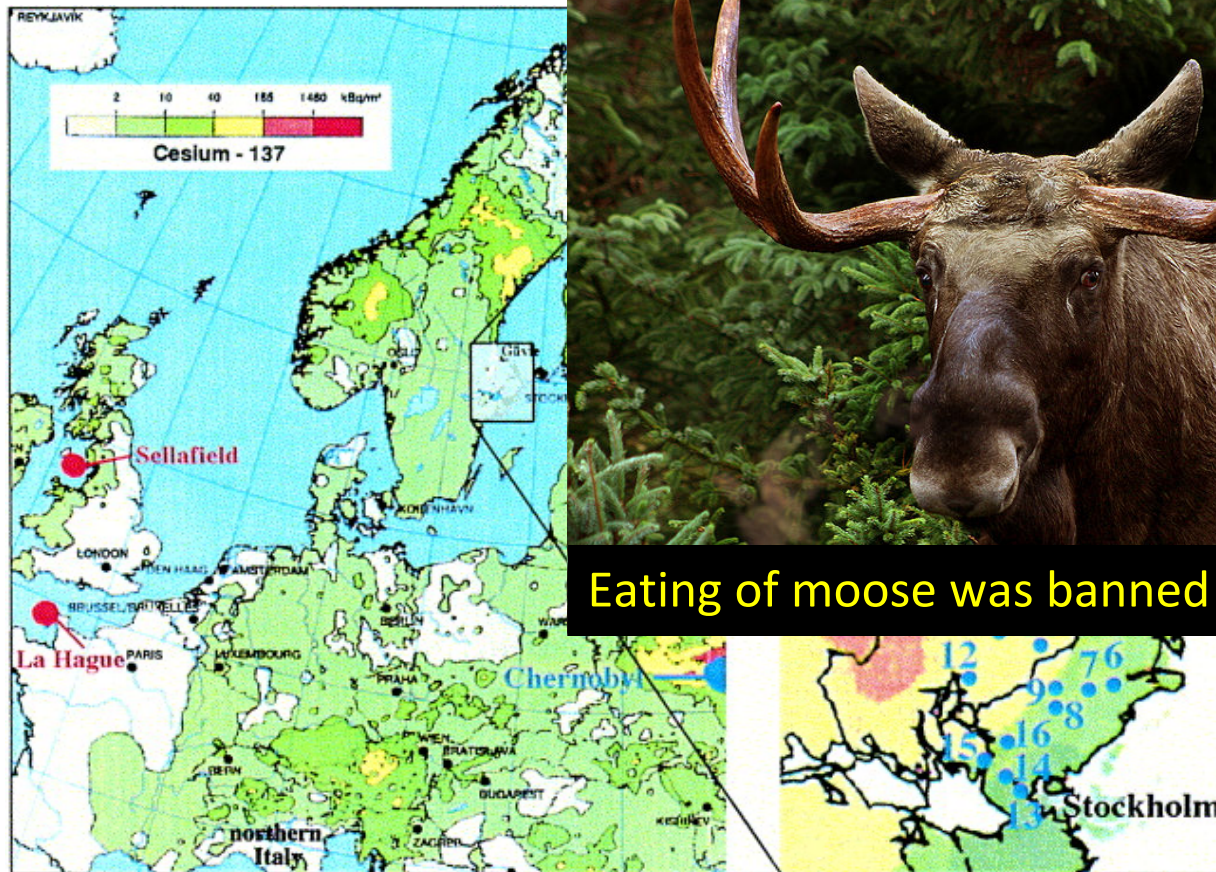
Natural radiation background dose and Fukushima accident doses



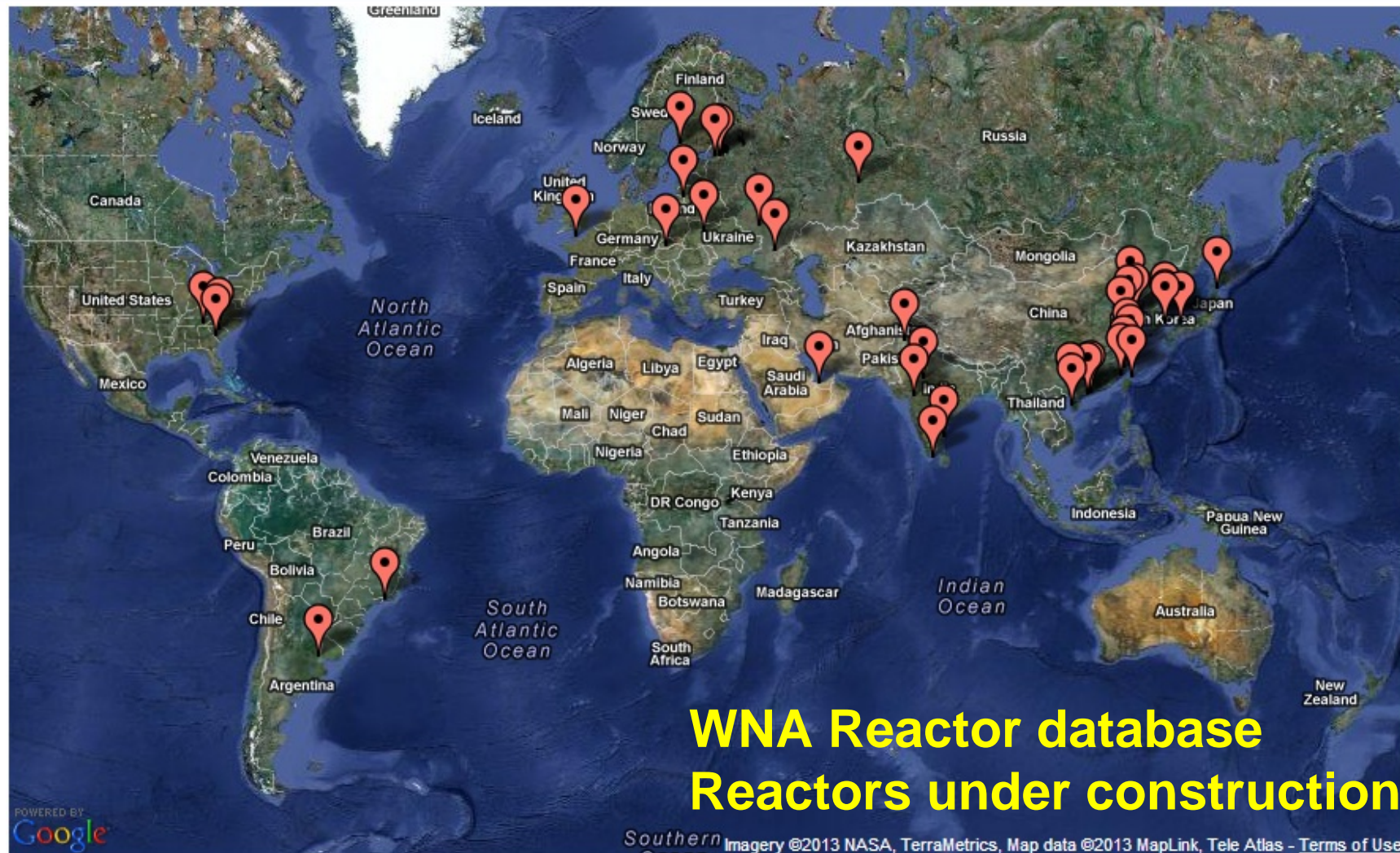
My personal experience Chernobyl and Sweden



Radiation covering Europe (left) and
part of Sweden (right)



Nuclear set to growth: Nuclear new build around the world



Based on increasing public and policy support globally



Countries representing over 50% of the world's population still support nuclear. **Only one country has decided to phase-out.**

Existing nuclear countries which support new nuclear (no phase-out) : **Argentina, Armenia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, India, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, south Korea, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA**

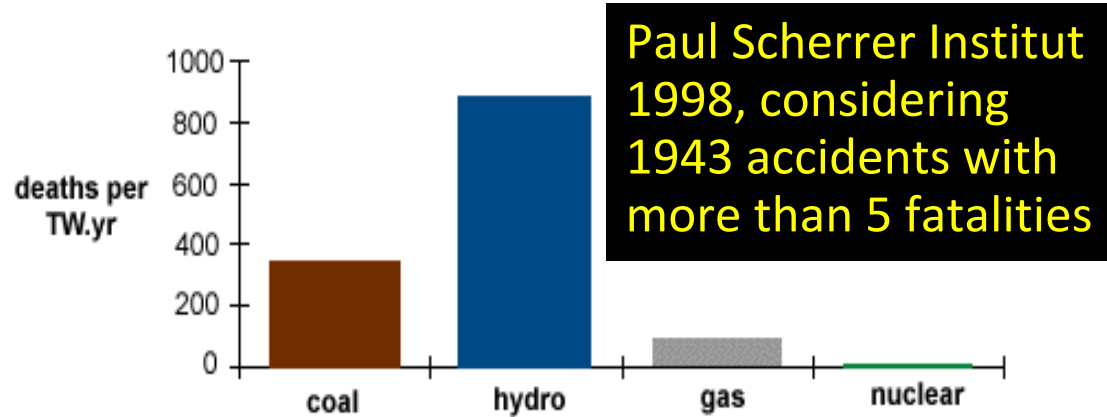
Existing nuclear countries with moratoria/life restriction: **Switzerland, Belgium**

Existing nuclear countries with Shutdown and phaseout: **Germany**

Thinking about providing for Britain's future energy generation needs, which of the following do you support the MOST? – YouGov poll Feb 2013

Nuclear	26%
Wind	18%
Tidal/Wave	18%
Solar	16%
Gas	5%
Coal	2%
None	1%
Don't know	14%

Not only because it's safe



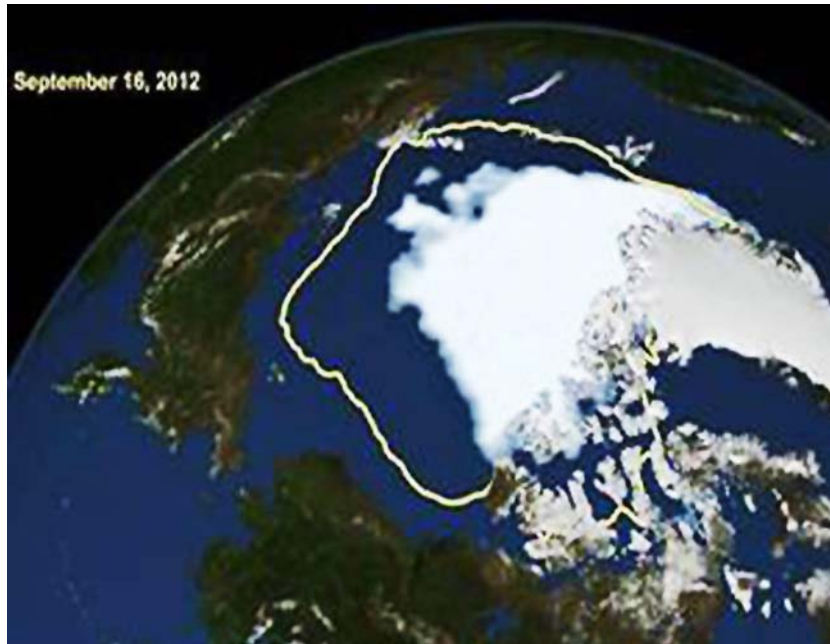
The alternatives to nuclear are far more dangerous – even including accidents



But because it's essential...



Climate change. A problem which nuclear, with its low CO2, is key to solving



Record arctic summer ice melt in 2012. Source: NASA

Energy Security. Affects many, but nuclear's low fuel costs make it a solution

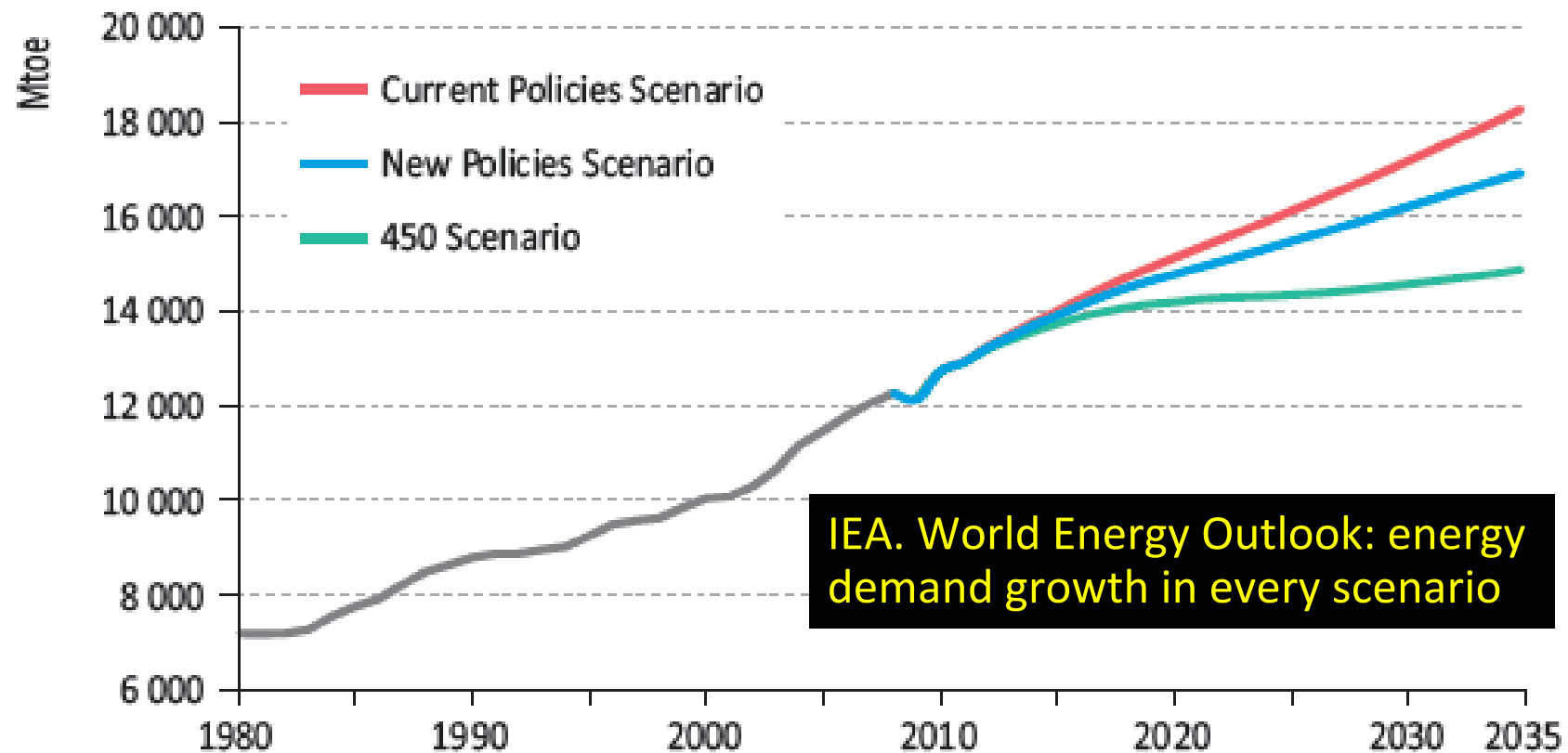


India blackouts affect 650 million. Source: Graphic news

...and it's growing in importance



Figure 2.1 ● World primary energy demand by scenario



This not only Japan should know...



In the two years since the accident, with the majority of reactors still shut, Japan has witnessed a surge in fossil fuel imports – especially LNG. This has been a large factor in turning Japan's trade balance negative

Prov.	Exports Value	Percent Change	Imports Value	Percent Change	Balance Value	Percent Change
2008	81,018,088	-3.5	78,954,750	8	2,063,338	-80.9
2009	54,170,614	-33.1	51,499,378	-34.8	2,671,236	29.5
2010	67,399,627	24.4	60,764,957	18	6,634,670	148.4
2011	65,546,475	-2.7	68,111,187	12.1	-2,564,712	-
2012	63,747,572	-2.7	70,688,632	3.8	-6,941,060	170.6

Japan, Ministry of Finance and Trade figures (millions of yen)

Very few low carbon energy sources around...



The increased reliance on fossil fuels has also destroyed any hope Japan had of meeting its Kyoto protocol objectives

Who wants to guess what the GHG figures for FY 2012 will be?

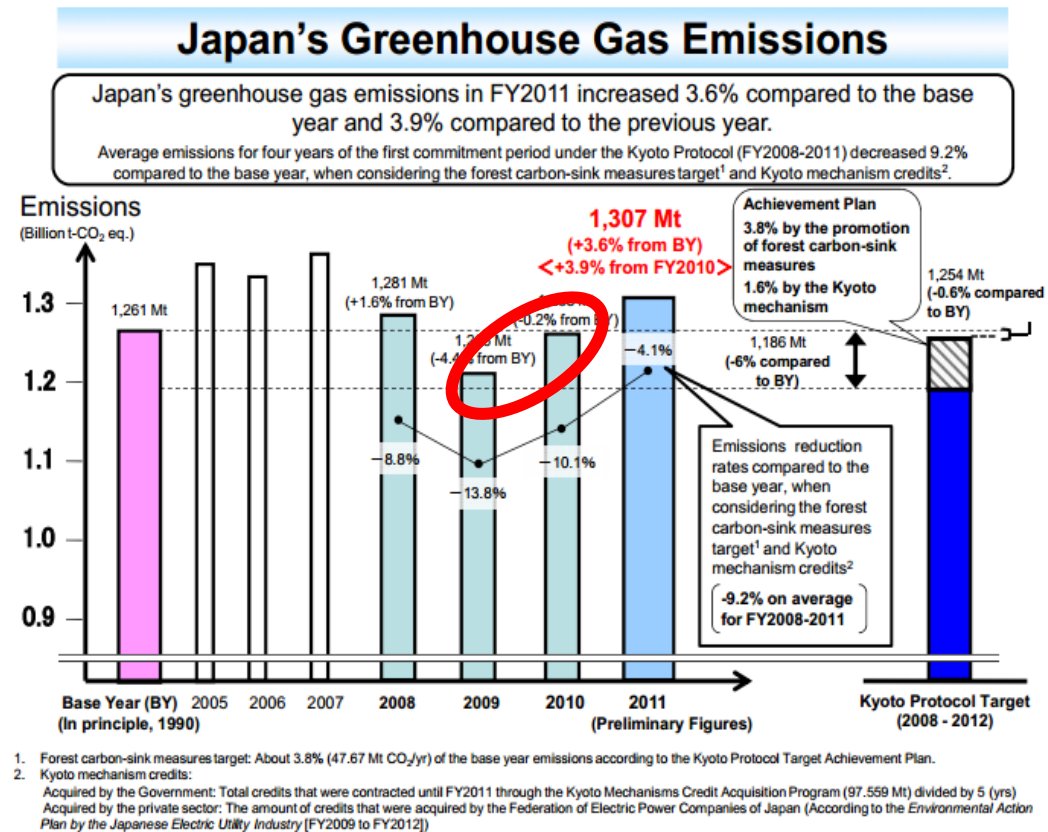
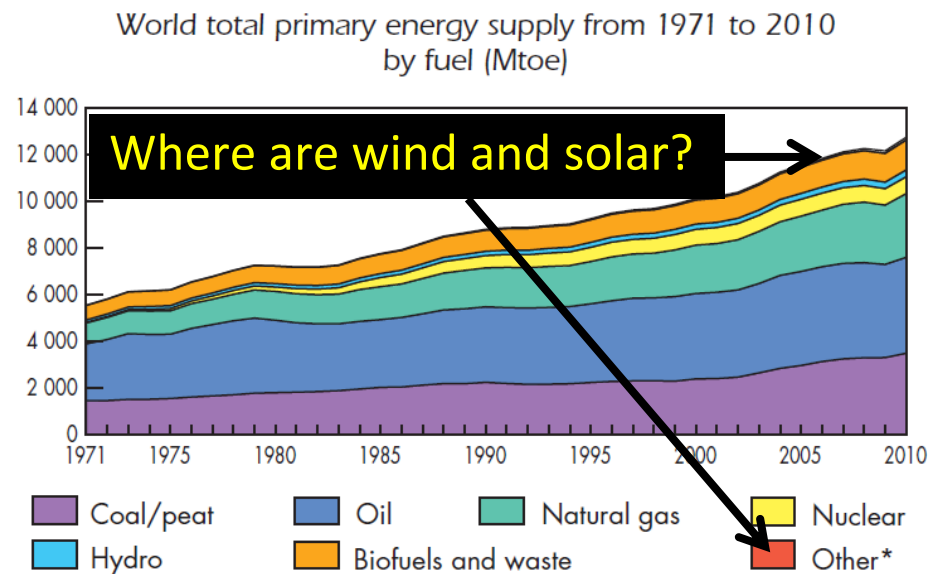


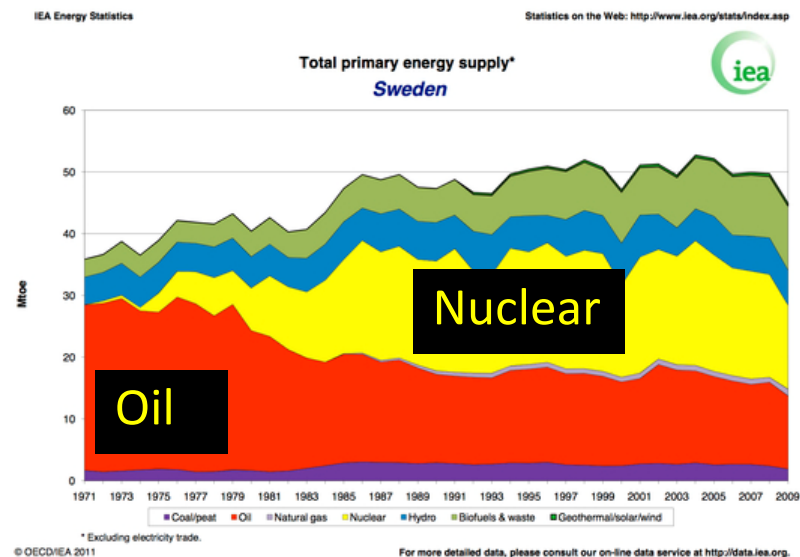
Figure 1 Japan's national greenhouse gas emissions

Japan Ministry of Environment

Renewables can't do it all – and there is extensive experience from trying



IEA key statistics



IEA country statistics - Sweden

Despite over 20 years of expansion wind and solar power make a tiny contribution to world energy requirements.

The best performing countries combine nuclear power and renewables to reduce fossil fuel consumption

Put nuclear back into perspective

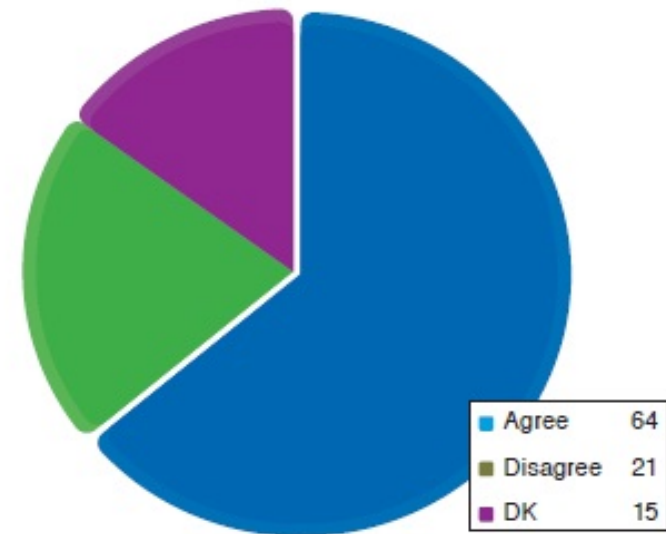


Nuclear power only makes sense in the context of our energy choices. Risks must be put in perspective and benefits shown

We want easily accessible energy at the push of a button:

- 1.affordable
- 2.reliable
- 3.environmental quality

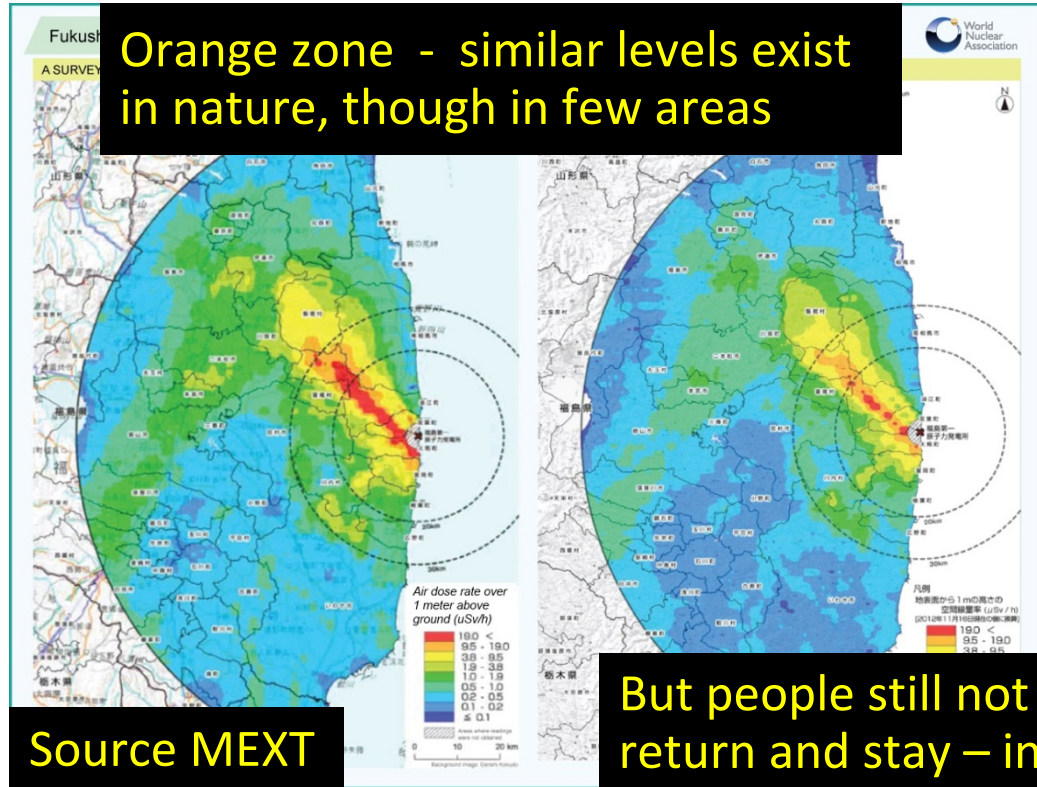
We need all energy sources. But there are not many energy sources that meet all three conditions.



Source - Eurobarometer 2008

Agree/disagree: The use of nuclear energy enables European countries to diversify their energy sources

Allow people the possibility to go back



But people still not permitted to return and stay – in any colour!

Radiation dose rates are half what they were one year ago.
There are no observed effects at most levels now indicated
Compare this to legal activities – e.g. eating meat or riding bikes

Restoring trust in professionals



The nuclear industry and radiation experts must do their part. But the media must avoid fearmongers. **They cause real health consequences.** Look at the pictures, who do you trust?



UNSCEAR on Chernobyl:

- 30 workers dead from radiation
- Increase in thyroid cancers among children. Few fatalities
- No demonstrated increase in cancer in public further to the thyroid cancer among children.

“However there were widespread psychological reactions to the accident, which were due to fear of the radiation, not to the actual radiation doses”



“A new Greenpeace report has revealed that the full consequences of the Chernobyl disaster could top a quarter of a million cancer cases and nearly 100,000 fatal cancers.” ²⁴

Neighbouring property to my summer house

