

# GROUPS—Corporate Energy or



Smart Energy Solutions

The **Sierra Club**, **Greenpeace** and **Rainforest Action Network** all have important campaigns on the



energy industry. Sierra Club's Smart Energy campaign has suggestions and tools for grassroots activism including a grassroots energy activist page with talking points, sample letters and fact sheets on promoting renewables. Greenpeace's Exxon Secrets highlights ExxonMobil's policy manipulation. They have information on actions to take on energy industry connections to global warming and the reactivation of nuclear power. Rainforest Action Network has campaigns on Freedom from Oil and Global Finance of the energy industry with actions and resources. They also have an energy issues section on energy transformations for the future.



**Public Citizen's Energy** program highlights the energy industry's political manipulation including Enron's promotion of electricity deregulation ten years ago. They look at the pending 2007 energy bill, its subsidies for the energy companies and lack of incentives for renewables. They have a campaign to "Stop the Nuclear Power Relapse." They also make the case against Nuclear Power and For Renewables and Efficiency. They track all energy legislation and congressional voting records and their Take Action section lists 22 actions to take around the country.



Public utilities, electrical co-ops and community choice aggregations (CCAs) are three of the main ways for consumers to take control of both their



energy supply and consumption. The **American Public Power Association** is the service organization for the nation's more than 2,000 community-owned electric utilities that serve more than 45 million Americans.

The **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association** is dedicated to representing the national interests of 900 cooperative electric utilities and their 40 million consumers. They track public policy and political action around the electric industry, climate change and the environment. The **Community**



**Choice** website follows the situation in California and talks about the background and benefits of community choice aggregation, which is available in five states.

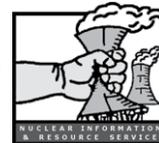


Many groups have blossomed to work on the transition away from the fossil fuel/nuclear economy. **Oil Change International** views



the oil industry as a source of global warming, human rights abuses, war, national security concerns, corporate globalization, poverty, and addiction. They see oil interests behind every major political barrier to a clean energy transition. They have an activist tool kit and campaigns that include Separate Oil and State and Follow the Money that spotlights oil industry political contributions. **CoalSwarm** is an ever-expanding wiki resource on the coal industry that connects over 180 groups working on phasing out coal.

Use it to find local and state groups working on coal issues. The **Nuclear Information and Resource Center** is the national information and networking center for citizens and environmental activists concerned about nuclear power, radioactive waste, radiation and sustainable energy issues. Their campaigns include No New Nukes and Nuclear economics.



The various renewable energy technologies that will allow for a non-polluting, locally-controlled energy economy have many websites promoting the virtues of renewables. The **American Solar Energy Society** has been around since 1954 and has chapters across



the country. They see their effort as the catalyst for starting a sustainable energy economy. They also have a solar calculator letting you know how much it will cost to install solar PVs at your home. The **American Wind Energy Association** has information on legislation and policy around wind energy and maps and calculations for setting up small wind systems all connected into the **Renewable Resource Data Center** at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Wave energy is such a new technology that it does not have any such national association, but



**Lincoln County Oregon** has been on the forefront of a local government movement to put the ownership of wave energy into local hands rather than control by corporate utilities. See [www.co.lincoln.or.us/counsel/lcwepp.html](http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/counsel/lcwepp.html)

