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U.S. Energy Policy Leaders Continue to Support Nuclear Energy

A June survey of private and public sector public policy elites in energy policy shows that the Fukushima nuclear accident has had little effect on the level of support for nuclear power in the United States.

The survey shows that 69% of energy policy makers and influential leaders continue to believe that nuclear energy should be a somewhat or very high priority for meeting future energy demand. A similar 65% have a favorable impression of nuclear energy for balancing environmental and energy needs. The priority and favorability assigned to nuclear energy has declined 5 percentage points since the initial survey of this key audience in November 2010.

"The survey results indicate a far more measured and thoughtful response to Fukushima Daichii than we experienced in this country after the accident at the Three Mile Island," concluded Scott Campbell, President of the American Council on Global Nuclear Competitiveness.

"Though awareness and concern over events in Fukushima are exceptionally high, the basic logic for the nuclear renaissance remains intact," said Mark Benson, the Chairman of APCO Insight and director of the survey. "People engaged in energy policy debates continue to see nuclear energy as a key part of the U.S. energy portfolio," he added.

The analysis suggests that there is high confidence in the safety and efficiency of nuclear technology in spite of events in Japan that were triggered by an earthquake and subsequent tsunami. Indeed, nuclear energy compares favorably with other energy sources for improved safety and technological progress over time. 76% believe nuclear energy has become somewhat or much safer than it was 20 years ago. This compares with 50% for offshore oil and gas, 64% for onshore oil and gas and 64% for hydroelectric power.

Extended Temp Forecast: Chicago Area

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
68 - 87	62 - 82	61 - 79	63 - 80	70 - 83

Electricity Pricing Areas – On Peak July 2011

	July 5, 2011	Per kWh
PJM	West	\$.06490
Cinergy	Peak Monthly	\$.04625

ComEd Average Day Ahead LMP Electric Price

Time Period	Average per Kwh
Jul 1 - Jul 31, 2010	\$.04741
Aug 1 - Aug 31	\$.04628
Sep 1 - Sep 30	\$.02934
Oct 1 - Oct 31	\$.02702
Nov 1 - Nov 30	\$.02778
Dec 1 - Dec 31	\$.03545
Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2011	\$.03871
Feb 1 - Feb 28	\$.03581
March 1 - Mar 31	\$.03668
April 1 - April 30	\$.03448
May 1 - May 31	\$.03954
June 1 thru June 30	\$.03851

Weather - Tue: Sunny. High 87F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph. **Wed:** Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 82F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph. **Thu:** Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s. **Fri:** Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s. **Sat:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 70s.

