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To All IBEW First District Local Unions

Greetings:

Please see the enclosed information pertaining to the future of Nuclear Power in Canada.

As Germany has decided to shut down all of the country's nuclear reactors by 2022, CBC has created an online survey with the question, "Should Canada continue investing in nuclear power generation or follow Germany's lead and shut down its reactors altogether?"

The IBEW strongly supports nuclear power and we urge you to open up the survey and vote yes and also distribute this to your membership so that they can also vote in favour of continuing to build nuclear plants.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/yourcommunity/2011/05/nuclear-power-should-canada-follow-germanys-lead.html>

The nuclear plants in Canada have provided thousands of the safest construction/maintenance/operation jobs in the country and we need these jobs to remain in the existing facilities and we need the new jobs that come with expansion.

Thank you for participating in this survey.

Best wishes.

In solidarity,

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Attach.

cc: International Representatives
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Nuclear power: Should Canada follow Germany's lead?

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An environmental activist sits on top of the Brandenburg Gate after Greenpeace activists fixed a radioactive sign to the Quadriga in Berlin, May 29. (Michael Gottschalk/dapd/Associated Press) [Germany will shut down all of the country's nuclear reactors](#) by 2022, according to a plan adopted early Monday.

Germany has 17 nuclear power plants, which supplied about a quarter of its electricity before seven of them were shut down this year after the catastrophe at Japan's Fukushima reactor.

Energy from wind, solar and hydroelectric power currently produces about 17 per cent of the country's electricity, but the government aims to boost its share to around 50 per cent in the coming decades.

In Canada, existing nuclear reactors in Ontario, New Brunswick and Quebec are being refurbished to extend their lives, and there are plans to build more nuclear reactors.

[Two new reactors at Ontario's Darlington nuclear plant](#) are expected to go into service in 2018. [A new "clean energy park" along side the Point Lepreau plant](#) in New Brunswick, which would blend renewable and nuclear power, is still in planning stages.

The Government of Canada has set the objective that 90 per cent of Canada's electricity needs be provided by non-emitting sources such as hydro, nuclear, clean coal or wind power by 2020.

Should Canada continue investing in nuclear power generation or follow Germany's lead and shut down its reactors altogether? Let us know what you think in the comments below.

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Should Canada continue building nuclear power plants?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure.

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