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## **CASEnergy Coalition Unveils Policy Roadmap for Clean Energy**

*Four-point plan designed to ensure the U.S. meets its clean energy goals*

**WASHINGTON, D.C., May 12, 2010** – The [Clean and Safe Energy Coalition](#) (CASEnergy) today released its “Policy Roadmap for Clean Energy” – a four-point strategy to put the U.S. on a viable path to realize a clean energy future. The roadmap calls for investing in nuclear energy to preserve and create thousands of clean energy jobs. Expanding nuclear energy along with other sources of clean energy is a necessary step toward achieving the clean energy goals that President Obama and the U.S. Congress envision.

Unveiling the CASEnergy Coalition’s roadmap at the National Press Club today were Coalition Co-chairs Christine Todd Whitman, former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator and former New Jersey Governor; and Greenpeace Co-Founder Dr. Patrick Moore. Joining them were Stephen Moret, Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development; and Daniel Lipman, senior vice president for Operations Support & Core Process Innovation at Westinghouse Electric Corp.

The four-pronged CASEnergy Coalition plan to support a sustainable energy policy encourages business and policy leaders to:

- 1.) Enact policies to allow the nation to take control of its energy security
- 2.) Ensure access to financing for clean energy projects
- 3.) Increase its investment in clean energy jobs
- 4.) Address used nuclear fuel storage needs through federal support for recycling and other safe, innovative solutions

*“To meet the country’s growing energy needs while complying with the 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions recommended by President Obama and Congress, a complete package of approaches to energy will be necessary,” said **Gov. Whitman**. “To sufficiently address the energy challenges we face, America must adopt a diverse energy mix which includes new nuclear combined with the use of renewable energy sources like wind, solar, geothermal and hydropower as well as increased conservation efforts.”*

U.S. energy policy recommendations reflect growing support for nuclear energy expansion, as evidenced by President Obama’s announcement in February of an \$8.3 billion allocation in federal loan guarantees to support construction of two new reactors in Georgia and create thousands of new clean energy jobs. The president has also recommended tripling the volume for loan guarantees for new nuclear energy facilities.

*“For those who continue to work for clean energy solutions, it is clear that nuclear expansion is necessary to sustain nuclear energy’s clean air contributions and help the U.S. reach its energy goals,” said **Dr. Moore**. “The administration’s renewed commitment to nuclear energy as part of a clean energy policy demonstrates that they are serious about reducing air pollution. The loan guarantees recently announced by President Obama will support seven to 10 new reactors and are just the first step towards ensuring emissions goals will be met. Yet more work lies ahead. The U.S. will need 45 new nuclear reactors to reach the greenhouse gas reduction targets outlined by Congress.”*

The CASEnergy Coalition and its more than 2,300 members work to promote the increased use of nuclear energy to stimulate the country’s economy and to protect the environment. The Coalition’s

diverse membership represents the broad-based consensus favoring nuclear energy. The need for energy is non-partisan and the support for nuclear energy as part of a sustainable energy plan spans a variety of sectors, as demonstrated by the array of speakers joining CASEnergy co-chairs to endorse the "Policy Roadmap for Clean Energy":

- "Because of its compelling benefits, nuclear energy should play an important role in future U.S. energy policy. Moreover, nuclear energy provides an opportunity to create a new manufacturing industry in the U.S. at a time when our country has been losing manufacturing jobs at a steady pace for decades. Specifically, one of the keys to meeting the growing global demand for new nuclear reactors will involve shifting from a craft-based approach with unique products to standard manufacturing designs. This shift will spark the development of new, specialized fabrication centers capable of producing huge modular components for shipment to nuclear reactor sites around the world. This will provide a major economic development opportunity for Louisiana given our state's globally competitive industrial construction and shipbuilding sectors. For example, Shaw Modular Solutions already is developing a \$100 million facility in Lake Charles, La., that eventually will employ up to 1,400 people focused on constructing modularized nuclear reactor components. This facility is the first of its kind in the U.S., and it won't be the last."  
– **Stephen Moret, Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development**
- "The nuclear renaissance is an economic stimulus package in and of itself. The four new plants Westinghouse is providing in China, for example, are creating or sustaining more than 5,000 high-paying U.S. jobs in more than 20 states across virtually all sectors of the economy. U.S. construction, similarly, will generate thousands of design, engineering and manufacturing jobs to provide the components, modules and the safety and monitoring systems that each plant will require. Moreover, each new plant in the United States will create approximately 2,400 on-site construction jobs and then up to 700 permanent operating and maintenance jobs once the plants are up and running."— **Daniel S. Lipman, Senior Vice President, Operations Support & Core Process Innovation of Westinghouse**

A live webcast of the press conference will also be available at [www.visualwebcaster.com/Casenergy-Coalition](http://www.visualwebcaster.com/Casenergy-Coalition). The archived webcast will be available for replay on this site until November 12, 2010.

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**About the Clean and Safe Energy (CASEnergy) Coalition:**

The CASEnergy Coalition is a national grassroots coalition of over 2,300 members that unites unlikely allies across the business, environmental, academic, industry, consumer and labor community in support of nuclear expansion. CASEnergy believes that increased use of nuclear energy can improve energy security, ensure clean air quality, and enhance the quality of life, health and economic well-being of all Americans. The Coalition is led by Christine Todd Whitman, former Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and former New Jersey Governor, and Dr. Patrick Moore, a co-founder and former leader of Greenpeace.