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As we go to print for this short issue of Rad Bull, we are despondent that war has taken over the Persian Gulf. We have been expecting this war to occur at about this time for nearly five years now as we have watched the last two republican presidents destroy energy efficiency programs from cars to wind power.

This war is inextricably linked to an energy policy that was designed to place the American public, in an intractable position with Arab political sovereignty over oil resources in the gulf. Furthermore this same ploy is being used to push a new generation of nuclear reactors upon the public.

In late December, the Department of Energy sent its proposed "National Energy Strategy" (NES) to the White House. A week before the war broke out Sununu and friends sent it back to DOE because it put too much emphasis on renewables and energy efficiency and not enough on the plans to build 180 new commercial reactors! These actions are an outrage that must not be allowed to continue!

Even as the war rages, the "normal" work of the Alliance continues. Enclosed in this WAR issue of RADBULL, along with the winter issue of the Green Letter, is a fact sheet on the proposed Needles nuclear waste dump. Please get in touch with your local reps concerning the suggestions it contains. We have been extremely successful at delaying the dump plans at least 3 months now! Current plans are for people to call and demand that the dump be delayed until Gov. Wilson's state Environmental Protection Agency is in place. We have been received strong support from republican's because the site has upset conservative citizen's in Needles with clout!

We will also be part of a state-wide conference on Feb. 2nd to spread the word about the dump and also organize opposition to the NRC's deregulation of nuclear waste. Sorry that we were not able to get this to you a bit sooner so that you could plan to attend! We will give you a full update on the dump's status in the next newsletter.

We have been swamped with work during the last two months around the Needles issue. The rest of this issue will be a brief review of the highlights of what we have been seeing in the nuclear and alternatives arena. We hope to be putting out a comprehensive newsletter in time for the 5th anniversary of Chernobyl in late April. We are also using new computer equipment that is making this a more readable issue. We also have a new computer Bulletin Board System that you are welcome to visit if you have a computer and modem. It has hundreds of articles and documents on nuclear issues and alternative energy. Please call the office for more details on how to gain access.

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