

Nuclear Power: The Critical Question

First hand reports from
the frontlines of the nuclear fuel chain

*"If you say, you do not know that your steak comes from a cow,
people will think you are really stupid – but with energy
it is the same." Alain de Halleux, interviewee.*

A quarter of Germany's electricity comes from nuclear power plants. Those of us at WECF wanted to know what's actually behind nuclear energy production. And that is why we followed the path of uranium; the raw material of nuclear power, from the mine; to enrichment and milling; through power production and waste storage across the world.

As a result, we encountered individuals who have been effected by the nuclear fuel chain. In this booklet, insiders report on their direct experience with uranium mining and enrichment, with nuclear disasters and with the storage of radioactive substances. They offer testimony about the internal operation of nuclear power plants, the use of depleted uranium (DU) munitions in war zones and the impacts of nuclear fuel reprocessing.

All who testified have one thing in common: They know that the road to the future must be different than the uranium path of the past.

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