

**Orest Franchuk from the Ukraine presents a set of quotes from different political parties and non-governmental organizations of his country concerning their attitudes towards the nuclear energy.**

In 2011 Ukraine will have the full cycle of uranium enrichment not on the Ukrainian territory but in Russia, - told the **Minister of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine** Yuriy Boyko during the Ukrainian Energy Forum - 2011 "organized by Adam Smith (Adam Smith Conferences).

The Minister reiterated that Ukraine became a shareholder of the International uranium enrichment centre in Angarsk Russia. "So this year we have a full cycle of uranium enrichment, but not in our territory, and in Russia", - said Yuri Boyko. In Ukraine, he said, will be produced tablets of fuel rods and, moreover, will increase uranium and produce uranium concentrate.

**Minister of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine** stressed that not only professionals but also politicians understand that nuclear power is key to ensuring energy supply of humanity.

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The government began to modernize our energy, improve reliability and efficiency. These are: the reconstruction of two and a half dozens of blocks of Heat power plants, and development and improvement of reliability of the whole system, significant reduction of network losses, and completion of new reactor units, and upgrading and improving the safety of existing nuclear units, and building a plant to produce its own nuclear fuel, and completion of 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the Dniester hydro accumulative power plant, and reconstruction of 70 units on 9 domestic hydro power plants. This list can still continue - all of them are real projects. Among the priorities is the development is renewable energy. In this area we have set ourselves the task, which practically coincide with the objectives of the European Union.

*First vice Prime Minister Andriy Klyuyev*

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**An excerpt from Energy Strategy of Ukraine till 2030**

The nuclear energy development strategy plans to maintain the share of electricity generation at the level reached in 2005 (i.e., about half of the total annual electricity production in Ukraine).

This decision was justified, especially on the presence of domestic uranium deposits, and - stable work NPP potential opportunities for the creation of nuclear energy capacity, available technical, financial and environmental problems of thermal energy.

The main goals of the **Green Party of Ukraine** are:

- Promote government programs and community initiatives aimed at improving environmental consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and public health;
- Direct involvement in solving social, economic, political, and environmental and other problems by participating in electoral and executive authorities.

Program of All-Ukrainian Union "**Fatherland**"

It is important to ensure the development of environmental education of citizens and the necessary environmental studies. Environmental education should be an integral part of school and vocational education.

We believe that the principal basis of Ukraine's nuclear policy is proclaimed July 16, 1990 non-nuclear status. However, Ukraine's refusal of nuclear weapons does not mean rejection of nuclear energy. Nuclear energy policy remains an important area of energy and national security of Ukraine in general.

Through its representatives in Parliament and Government the party takes measures to stop degradation of peaceful nuclear power industry of Ukraine after forming a complete nuclear-power

complex of the country. The party takes measures to develop science and technology to improve the efficiency and international competitiveness Ukraine's nuclear power.

#### The "Party of Regions"

- Increasing amounts of electricity production at nuclear power plants and improving the safety of their work;
- increased use of alternative and renewable energy

#### Party "Our Ukraine - People's Self-Defence"

- promoting investments in energy conservation, the development of alternative energy development of environmental technologies;

#### NGO National Ecological Centre of Ukraine

NECU consolidates individuals for common action to protect the environment. NECU is trying to redirect the energy policy of Ukraine away from intensive coal and nuclear energy development to energy efficient economy and alternative energy sources. Problems associated with the use of nuclear energy, force us to act sooner on the refusal of the use of this technology:

Nuclear power is unprofitable.

This industry exists only because of state support. In the world of nuclear power primarily concerned countries with nuclear weapons development program, and then only reduces energy costs on the state of military plutonium production.

Nuclear power is dangerous.

Even under conditions of incredible technological development of safe reactor cannot get rid of the human factor that is even theoretically cannot exclude the possibility of a major accident. All stages of the nuclear cycle associated with the risk of accidental or deliberate use of radioactive material for other purposes.

#### Coalition of NGOs of Ukraine "For Sustainable Energy"

Common Position of Ukrainian environmental NGOs on the current energy policy of our country:

"Energy Strategy of Ukraine till 2030 "should be reconsidered. This strategy only creates deceptive comfort and postpones the need for dramatic action to reform the energy sector of endangering the country's energy independence."

#### NGO "EcoClub" of Rivne

"Energy Strategy of Ukraine was adopted under the slogan "achieve energy independence." Instead, our Government and Parliament have committed to use only the Russian nuclear fuel for the entire period of operation of Units 3 and 4! So, our country takes a loan for building Russian units with Russian assistance, which will work exclusively on Russian fuel. Good additions to the Russian gas".

*Alexandra Koblova from NGO "EcoClub" of Rivne*