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U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policies and the Kansas City Plant

Mark Your Calendars!

- What:** Experienced watchdog activist from New Mexico to speak on U.S. nuclear weapons policies and the **Kansas City Plant**.
- When:** Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 PM
- Where:** All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Kansas City
4501 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64111
- Why:** The U.S. has broadened the rationale for the possible use of nuclear weapons, including preemptively. New nuclear weapons designs are now on the drawing boards. The Kansas City Plant is and will be integral to nuclear weapons production. Local and global citizen activism is needed to check the further proliferation of nuclear weapons, including by the U.S.

Jay Coghlan, Director of the Santa Fe-based watchdog group Nuclear Watch New Mexico, will speak at a forum in Kansas City, MO, on Tuesday, 7:00 PM, July 25, 2006. In the past, his organization has helped to expose and defeat regressive nuclear weapons proposals such as earth-penetrating “bunker-busters” and a new super plant for resumed industrial-scale bomb production. Today, the stakes grow higher with planned new nuclear weapons designs under the so-called “Reliable Replacement Warhead”, which in turn will be used to justify the revitalization and indefinite preservation of the U.S.’ nuclear weapons complex.

Coghlan will be specifically presenting on the Kansas City Plant, which itself boasts of producing more than 90% of the U.S.’ nuclear weapons components. Moreover, the Plant is to play a key role in the production of new nuclear weapons. Jay seeks to encourage long-term local opposition to current U.S. nuclear weapons policies and citizen watchdogging of Kansas City Plant operations. Citizen action is urgently needed because the U.S. has expanded the rationale for the possible use of nuclear weapons, including in pre-emptive wars.

The forum is sponsored by the GREENS OF KANSAS CITY and PEACEWORKS KANSAS CITY as part of a series of discussions about the Bush Administration’s nuclear policies and their implications for nuclear proliferation and world peace.

Media inquiries are welcomed. For more on Nuclear Watch New Mexico, please see www.nukewatch.org . Nuclear Watch is also a member of the national Alliance for Nuclear Accountability <www.ananuclear.org>, a grassroots network of 34 organizations working in the shadow of the nuclear weapons complex on health, cleanup and weapons issues.

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If you believe new nuclear weapons are a bad idea, a misuse of tax dollars and don't want your City to produce them, come learn what you can do to make a difference from somebody that has