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Please join the **Heinrich Böll Foundation**
and **Friends of the Earth** for a briefing on the

2014 World Nuclear Industry Status Report

Wednesday, July 30 · 12:00-1:00pm
Russell Senate Office Building Room 188

Lunch will be provided · Please [RSVP](#) for this event

TODAY, NUCLEAR POWER IS AT A CROSSROADS.

Facing costly repairs associated with aging and competition from more affordable electricity sources, U.S. reactors are closing at a rate never seen before. New reactors are being subsidized with federal money and the EPA's new carbon rule seeks to throw a lifeline to older reactors. Debates rage in both chambers of Congress over what to do with nuclear waste.

Explore all of these issues and more at a presentation by Mycle Schneider, author of the annual World Nuclear Industry Status Report followed by a Q&A session so participants can delve deeper into trends affecting the nuclear industry and related policy issues.

About the World Nuclear Industry Status Report 2014

Plummeting natural gas prices, sovereign debt crises, increasing costs and improved economic conditions for renewable energy sources have created a challenging global environment for nuclear power. Contrary to the widespread perception – that we are seeing a global renaissance in nuclear power – this industry is actually in decline. The report provides a vital reality check to the current situation of the global nuclear industry and identifies important global nuclear trends, with particular attention paid to competition from renewable energy. This year's report features an in-depth reassessment of the nuclear power sector in Japan post-Fukushima: all of the Japanese reactors are currently shut down, dramatically reducing the number of operating reactors in the world. It is time to adjust world nuclear statistics to match industrial reality.

About the author

Mycle Schneider, lead author of the annual *World Nuclear Industry Status Report*, is a member of the International Panel on Fissile Materials (IPFM), based at Princeton University, and a laureate of the Right Livelihood Award, also known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize." He is the Coordinator of the Seoul International Energy Advisory Council (SIEAC). He has advised the French Environment Minister, the Belgian Minister for Energy and Sustainable Development as well as the German Environment Ministry, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and others. Mycle has given testimony or held briefings at parliaments in 14 countries and given lectures at twenty universities and engineering schools in ten countries. He is a frequent speaker at renowned international energy events.