



*ENVIRONMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE*

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**WORKSHOP: *SNAKE OIL* - THE CORPORATE SHAM OF NUCLEAR
POWER, NATURAL GAS, AND CARBON TRADES AS SOLUTIONS FOR
CLIMATE CHANGE – from Three Mile Island to Fukushima**

***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011 – 8:30 am – 9:45 am
DECLARATION ROOM***

This workshop will focus on corporate profiteering off the global climate change catastrophe caused by our addiction to oil pushed by the same profiteering transnational energy corporations. The workshop panelists will expose the problems and fallacies inherent in all the solutions to climate change being sold to the American public by our government and the energy corporations, including the nuclear fuel cycle, natural gas and fracking, tar sands and oil shale, and carbon trades and REDD. The workshop will provide information needed by progressive environmentalists and other activists to expose and challenge the sham corporate and government solutions to the global environmental crises and combat continued transnational corporate profiteering off this dire global tragedy.



PANELISTS:



Chitose Kondo is an attorney from Yokohama, Japan, focusing on labor and environmental issues, and is Assistant Director of the Japan Lawyers Association for Freedom. She has a degree from Wells College in New York and studied at the American University in Cairo and the Judicial Research and Training Institute of Japan. After the huge earthquake and tsunami, and the unprecedented nuclear accident in Fukushima, the JLAF started up several projects to deal with the widespread devastation and the continuing threats from the nuclear accident in Fukushima. The JLAF is working towards the abolishment of all nuclear power plants in Japan.



Joseph (Joe) J. Health is an attorney from Syracuse, New York who has spent most of his career on civil rights litigation, including the class action over Attica. He shifted his practice to Native American and environmental law and now represents the Onondaga Nation as its General Counsel in a number of indigenous land rights and natural resource matters, including disputes over natural gas development and fracking.



Annie Wilson is a longtime advocate-legal worker (NLG) for environmental and social justice with a focus on energy policy. Annie has produced many public comments for federal, state and city permits and legislation on behalf of the Sierra Club. Despite a worldwide increase in renewable energy production, the fossil fuel and nuclear infrastructure is expanding at a faster rate. Lifestyle changes and increased political will are required for the enforcement of stronger environmental laws, regulations and international agreements. Annie believes that poverty alleviation and the mitigation of climate change impacts cannot be met by carbon trading and carbon offset schemes created by Wall Street.



Leslie Leff [posted to Tar Sands Action](#) – September 3, 2011 - So proud to have been one of the 243 people of conscience arrested today. Thank you so much to the amazing organizers and my fellow activists.

Leslie Leff is an elementary school teacher from Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, who participated in and was one of the hundreds arrested (her first arrest) during the recent tar sands pipeline demonstrations and civil disobedience in front of the White House in Washington, DC. Leslie's 18-year-old son, **Alex Leff**, accompanied her to the demonstration and put together, "Dear Senator", a short Youtube video – which will be shown at the Workshop - on his take of the state of the Earth and the responsibility of our elected leaders.