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*TEPCO*

[ 22.06.2011 ]

### Bellona fears the IAEA will remain a watchdog that does not bark

At this week's meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) many believe the organization revealed its impotence in its dealings with the crisis at Fukushima Daiichi, said Bellona nuclear physicist Nils Bøhmer, who said he fears little will change.



[ 21.06.2011 ]

### Checks of Russian nuclear reactors fail safety hopes – and worse, leaked report reveals

A report stunning in its candor prepared for Russian President Dmitry Medvedev by the country's state nuclear monopoly in the wake of Japan's Fukushima disaster reveals that Russia's atomic reactors are grievously under-prepared for both natural and man-made disasters ranging from floods to fires to earthquakes or plain negligence.



*Анастасія Голяк*

[ 21.06.2011 ]

### COMMENT: Belarus: Credits, crises, and kidnappings – Is there really room for a nuclear power plant?

Belarus remains in the merciless grip of a severe economic slump: Authorities have instituted bans on exporting certain goods out of the country, devaluated the national currency by half, made tentative statements about possible privatisation of state property, and finally sought credit lines from

everyone they thought they could obtain credits from... The dire situation may have forced anyone to shed the most expensive projects first – or at least, freeze them until a better time. But not Belarus, which is bent on ploughing ahead with the costliest and most dangerous and unnecessary of projects: A nuclear power plant. And so problems and protests continue, too.



*NTV Japan*

[ 20.06.2011 ]

## TEPCO report reveals chaos and lack of preparedness in the hours following tsunami at Fukushima Daiichi

A new report Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) says Japan's tsunami-ravaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant was so under-prepared for the disaster that workers had to fetch protective gear and an emergency manual from distant buildings at the site and borrow critical equipment from a contractor.



*Foto: Erik Thallaug*

[ 17.06.2011 ]

## Kyoto's Clean Development Mechanism shows results despite criticism

The Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) has its shortcomings but has been too severely attacked by many who ought to support it, said James Cameron, of the London-based Climate Change Capital speaking at Bellona's 25th anniversary celebration Thursday.



*Fotograf: Erik Thallaug*

[ 16.06.2011 ]

## Bellona's 25th Anniversary Conference: IEA GHG's Dixon: Thousands of tonnes of CO2 could be removed from the air with carbon-negative solutions

The potential for carbon-negative solutions is enormous, said a report presented on Thursday at Bellona's 25th Anniversary Conference. As much as three gigatons of carbon dioxide could be removed from the Earth's atmosphere – and the time for the promising technologies to be on politicians' agenda is now.



Foto: Erik Thallaug

[ 16.06.2011 ]

## California dreams give it a starring role in the fight against climate change

Ninety eight percent of California's gigantic energy sector may be CO<sub>2</sub>-free in 2050. "They can also take the rest of the United States with them in fight against climate change, but it will take time – and it will cost money," said Carl Bauer at Bellona's 25th anniversary conference today.



[ 16.06.2011 ]

## “We’re going to make the desert in Qatar green!”

PRESS RELEASE: Fertilizer companies contribute to growth of Sahara Forest Project. The Sahara Forest Projects enters into cooperation with Yara, the world largest supplier of fertilizer and the Qatari company Qafco, the world’s largest single site producer of urea and ammonia.



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[ 15.06.2011 ]

## PRESS RELEASE: Environmentalists protest against “boosting” Kola NPP reactor, call to abandon the dangerous experiment

“The dangerous and unnecessary experiment with increasing capacity of an old reactor at Kola NPP must be abandoned!” said ecologists at the June 9 hearing in this nuclear power plant’s (NPP) hometown, Polyarniye Zori. Environmentalists alerted the public to the low quality of the project documentation and the risks and inexpediency of the endeavour and demanded that the plant conduct stress tests to the standards that were applied in Europe in the wake of the Fukushima disaster

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## NEWS

[ 15.06.2011 ]

### Porto Tolle CCS project approval overruled

Italy's high court has overturned government and local approval for Italian utility Enel's plans to convert

[ 14.06.2011 ]

### New Texas CCS alliance forming

Air Products has formed an alliance with Valero Energy Corporation and Denbury Onshore for a carbon

its oil-fired Porto Tolle power plant into a coal technology plant.

Approximately 250 MW of the plants capacity was planned with carbon dioxide capture and storage technology.

dioxide capture and storage (CCS) project in the Valero Refinery in Port Arthur, Texas. Approximately one million tonnes of carbon dioxide will annually be recovered, purified and delivered by Air Products.

[ 15.06.2011 ]

### **137 million euro granted for CCS in Poland**

The Polish carbon dioxide capture and storage project in Bełchatów is granted 137 million euro from Norway Grants, which backs environmental, social and economic development programmes and projects in priority areas, agreed with each of the Grants' 12 beneficiary countries in Europe.

[ 08.06.2011 ]

### **Aker Clean Carbon demonstrates CCS technology in the US**

Aker Clean Carbon has signed a technology collaboration agreement with US based Southern Company for testing and evaluating carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) technology.

[ 14.06.2011 ]

### **Alstom study: CCS is cost effective**

Alstom has launched a detailed study of its 13 pilot and demonstration projects with carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS). It shows that the electricity costs from CCS-equipped coal-fired power plants will be competitive with electricity generated from renewable sources.

[ 08.06.2011 ]

### **Carbon dioxide storage risks to be evaluated**

The European Commission funded project ECO2 has been launched. It will evaluate the potential impact of CO2 leakage in sea bed storage sites in the Norwegian Sea and Barents Sea.

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## **BLOGS**

### [Playing by the rules \(on paper\)](#)

[ Posted 10.05.2011 00:00 in Larisa Bronder's blog ]

On paper, one of the strong points of the Kola branch of Norilsk Nickel is its commitment to transparency in providing accurate information, including environmental data. In

### [Severe Environmental and Energy Funding Cuts](#)

[ Posted 03.05.2011 11:49 in Michelle Lanning Blog by Michelle Lanning ]

The new federal budget has been reduced by nearly \$38.5 billion dollars for the fiscal year 2011.

reality, ecological information is often concealed.

### [Greenhouse gas emissions on the rise in Europe](#)

[ Posted 03.05.2011 12:23 in Michelle Lanning Blog by Michelle Lanning ]

The UK's emissions have risen 2.8% higher while the EU altogether rose 3.5% higher in 2010 than the previous year. Hear the plans for 2030 and 2050.

### [Extreme climate skepticism or misplaced convictions? What is going on in the United States?](#)

[ Posted 07.04.2011 15:04 in Michelle Lanning Blog by Michelle Lanning ]

The United States government is battling within itself on funding for environmental programs and even seeking to outright 'deny' that climate change even exists. But how much longer will 'climate deniers' allow the government to operate irresponsibly?

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## BELLONA IN MEDIA

### **Russian nuclear reactors 'unprepared' for natural disasters - The Foreigner**

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