



Christine Todd Whitman, Nuclear Exec Discuss Future of Nuclear Energy

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Galloway Township, NJ- Nuclear power should be part of the “energy portfolio” as the nation and world grapple with questions of increasing demand and dwindling supply, according to former New Jersey governor Christine Todd Whitman and William Levis, president of a major nuclear utility.

The opinions were shared Thursday night at an event titled “Nuclear Power in our Future,” part of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy Lecture Series. The talk took place at the Carnegie Library Center in Atlantic City, satellite center of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

An “energy portfolio” is analogous to one in finances in which diversified aspects, such as nuclear, wind, solar, geothermal, coal, gas and electricity are combined to meet the consumers’ rising demand.

“Nuclear is saying it is the only way to provide power available on demand 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, unlike solar and wind to deliver to the end-user.

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As for security concerns Levis encouraged audience members to visit one of his company's facilities. "Even prior to 9/11, our security measures were in place and very strict. We take security very seriously, Levis said.

"Just the fact that we are talking about nuclear energy as part of our future speaks to the positive strides we have made in safety and public perception," Levis said. "It is something I never would have envisioned as recently as 10 years ago," he said.

The event was moderated by Ed Rodger, award-winning environmental reporter and producer at New Jersey Network.

The Hughes Center for Public Policy's Lecture Series examines major contemporary issues and advocates public discussion and dialog.

Photo Caption: Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp Jr., (from left) moderator Ed Rodger, former Governor Christine Todd Whitman, William Levis, President, PSEG Power, Ambassador William J. Hughes and former Sen. William Gormley at Hughes Center for Public Policy Lecture Series event on the future of nuclear energy on Thursday.