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## WEB ALERT

### "The Future of Nuclear Power"

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#### ARTICLES & REPORTS

##### "Nuclear Power Expansion Challenges"

[Toni Johnson](#). *Council on Foreign Relations Backgrounder*, March 18, 2011, 4 pages. A major crisis at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in March 2011 after a catastrophic earthquake and tsunami has raised new questions about the safety of nuclear power. The author, a Council on Foreign Relations senior staff writer, examines nuclear energy's future and a number of significant obstacles to the expansion of nuclear power worldwide.

**Full text currently available at:** <http://www.cfr.org/united-states/nuclear-power-expansion-challenges/p16886>

##### "5 Myths about Nuclear Energy"

[Michael A. Levi](#). *The Washington Post*, March 16, 2011, 3 pages.

The crisis in Japan has brought back some of the worst nightmares surrounding nuclear power — and restarted a major debate about the merits and the drawbacks of this energy source. Does nuclear energy offer a path away from carbon-based fuels? Or are nuclear power plants too big a threat? The author, a Senior Fellow and Director of the Program on Energy Security and Climate Change at the Council on Foreign Relations, discusses what the nuclear crisis in Japan means for the future of nuclear energy.

**Full text currently available at:** [http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/5-myths-about-nuclear-energy/2011/03/15/AB9P3Oe\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/5-myths-about-nuclear-energy/2011/03/15/AB9P3Oe_story.html)

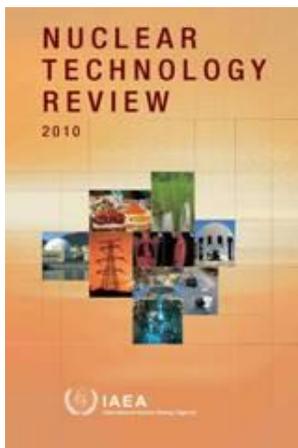
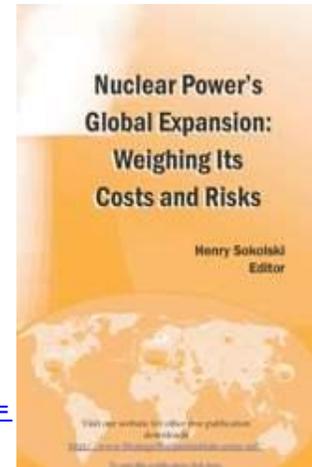
## **"Nuclear Power's Global Expansion: Weighing Its Costs and Risks"**

[Henry D. Sokolski](#) (ed.). Strategic Studies Institute, December 2010, 665 pages.

Will the global spread of nuclear power programs, which could bring many more countries much closer to acquiring nuclear weapons capabilities, be an inevitable consequence of energy market economics? Or is such an expansion impossible without government subsidies and new policies to support them? The authors analyze some of the world's leading energy experts to shed light on this key 21st century security issue.

**Full text currently available at:**

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/download.cfm?q=1041> [PDF format; 15.9MB]



## **"Nuclear Technology Review 2010"**

[International Atomic Energy Agency](#). 2010, 174 pages.

This report explores the global status and trends in fields of nuclear science and technology, focusing on nuclear power development and issues of sustainable development in which nuclear technologies can play an important role.

**Full text currently available at:**

<http://www.iaea.org/Publications/Reports/ntr2010.pdf> [PDF format; 2.87MB]

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## **WEB RESOURCES**

### **Army War College Strategic Studies Institute (SSI)**

<http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/>

The Strategic Studies Institute conducts strategic research and analysis to support the U.S. Army War College curricula, provides direct analysis for Army and Department of Defense leadership, and serves as a bridge to the wider strategic community

### **Energy Security Initiative - Brookings Institution**

<http://www.brookings.edu/projects/energy-security.aspx>

The Energy Security Initiative at Brookings Institution is designed to encourage the development, discussion, and dissemination of high-caliber energy research.

### **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**

<http://www.iaea.org/>

The IAEA, the world's center of cooperation in the nuclear field, was set up as the world's "Atoms for Peace" organization in 1957 within the United Nations family. The Agency works with its Member States and multiple partners worldwide to promote safe, secure and peaceful nuclear technologies.

**The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI)**

<http://www.nei.org>

The Nuclear Energy Institute is the policy organization of the nuclear energy and technologies industry and participates in both the national and global policy-making process.

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