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GA WAND to join largest grassroots training in history, advocate clean energy policy in the U.S.

Joining the largest grassroots organizing training in history, Courtney Hanson, Georgia Women's Action for New Directions Public Outreach Director is headed to Washington DC April 15-18 for Power Shift 2011. More than 10,000 young activists and student leaders will gather to work for a clean energy future, demanding that Congress eliminate subsidies to "Big Oil", cut ties with corporate polluters and put people over profits to protect Americans' health and security.

The Millennial Generation has been inventing and implementing groundbreaking social media and online tools and tactics to fuel social and environmental change and fight back against government corruption. Georgia WAND will join with young regional organizers in the southeast to develop a grassroots activism strategy and unify our message 'We say no and vote no to high-risk energy' as part of the organization's state-wide We Count! young voter campaign.

Acknowledging the influence, enthusiasm and power to affect change of this strong and engaged youth voting base in the Southeast, Georgia WAND will also continue its environmental justice work with students and young voters on the ground across Georgia and the Southeast.

A delegation from Georgia will meet with key legislators from the state to speak about the dangers of nuclear power and urge them to re-evaluate the safety of and assess if there is indeed a need for the two new nuclear reactors in the works at Plant Vogtle near Waynesboro, Georgia.

In the wake of Japan's nuclear disaster, youth are calling on Congress to stand up to big polluters and advance a 100% clean energy economy. Young voters are determined to build a movement powerful enough to counter big corporate interests and see the Obama Administration fulfill its commitment to lead globally in the clean energy movement.

Power Shift is hosted by the Energy Action Coalition, a coalition of 50 youth-led environmental and social justice organizations.

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