

Ecosocialism & the Socialist Party USA

A socialist society carefully plans its way of life and technology to be a harmonious part of our natural environment. This planning takes place on regional, national, and international levels and covers the production of energy, the use of scarce resources, land-use planning, the prevention of pollution and the preservation of wildlife. The cleanup of the contaminated environment and the creation of a nuclear-free world are among the first tasks of a socialist society.

From the Socialist Party USA Platform

Environment

- We call for public ownership and democratic control of all our natural resources in order to conserve resources, preserve our wilderness areas, and restore environmental quality.
- The U.S. must immediately return to participation in international agreements, such as the Kyoto Protocol, limiting carbon emissions, and accept a major role in worldwide efforts to control global warming.
- We call for placing full financial responsibility on private companies for prevention and clean up of their own toxic wastes and for full compensation of workers and residents adversely affected by environmental hazards.
- We oppose policies that target minority communities for placement of local landfills, toxic waste disposal sites, or incinerators.
- We call for strong, enforceable endangered species protection that focuses on habitat-centered protection for plants and animals.
- We oppose any new nuclear power projects and call for the rapid phasing out of all nuclear power plants, and a ban on the export of nuclear technology.
- We support the recycling of glass, metals, plastic, paper, and chemicals and the use of recycled materials for public works projects such as roadways, parks, and playgrounds.
- We call for shutting down waste incinerators and phasing out landfills and especially oppose targeting minority communities for hazardous waste disposal sites.
- We oppose open-pit mining operations and support the reclamation of land used by mining operations at the company's expense.
- We support large-scale environmental restoration efforts.

Energy

The Socialist Party stands for municipal ownership and control of energy plants, in a non-profit and decentralized, but coordinated, system that ensures the most careful use of natural resources.

- We call for the development of alternative energy sources including solar, geothermal, wind, hydropower, and biomass to end dependence on fossil fuels.
- We call for a sliding-scale index which favors low-income people, to ensure that all people have access to utility services.
- We call for mandatory vitrification (encapsulation) of all spent nuclear fuel, control rods and other waste.
- We call for a ban on all imports of nuclear materials, whether they are vitrified or not.

For more info check out the SPUSA Ecosocialist campaign:

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