



Multimedia Library Collection: Environmental Film Profiles (videos)

***Das Ding am Deich* [The Thing at the Dike]**

Hubert, Antje. *Das Ding am Deich*. Hamburg: die Thede, 2012. 16 mm, 96 min. <https://youtu.be/KVwF-W50sAE>.

At the start of the 1970s, plans for the construction of a nuclear power plant sent the residents of Brokdorf Municipality into an uproar. Their protest was taken up by opponents of nuclear power across Germany, and for 13 years, the country held its breath to see what would happen. The anti-nuclear movement started in 1986, shortly after the Chernobyl Disaster. The marsh became quiet again, as few upheld their resistance. Nearly 25 years later, the film's crew goes into the area to monitor daily life at the threshold of a nuclear plant, diving into the past with old film materials and those who remember the resistance. But soon the past catches up with them in a way no one expected. First the federal government extends operating times for all nuclear plants. Shortly after, the earth begins to quake in Japan. (Source: Translated from the original German at the [Official Film Website](#))

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This film is available at the [Rachel Carson Center](#) Library (RCC, 4th floor, Leopoldstrasse 11a, 80802 Munich) for on-site viewing only. For more information, please contact library@rcc.lmu.de.

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- Die Wolke [The Cloud] (Film Profile)
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Websites linked in this text:

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