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The Eight ETFs Which Owe Japan (... PBW, ...)

The news coming out of Japan for its nuclear reactors is sadly starting to now get more media coverage than the vast death toll. The projected death toll is somewhere around 10,000 and now the fear is that radioactive material could soon be a serious issue. While the US stock markets were down more than 1% earlier, we are now looking less bad off than even Europe after its major markets closed down more than 1%. As you would expect, some sectors are actually winning today as a result.

Nuclear related shares are getting pounded now as politicians and activist groups are calling for a significantly geared down approach to nuclear approach now. So who wins? Think solar. Solar power plants melting down only causes black goo on the ground. Coal... who cares if it is dirty at this point compared to nuclear fallout. Wind and other alternative energy... Same for solar. Natural gas is back... Many power plants run on this, and if nuclear power gets curbed too much ahead then natural gas is going to benefit just like coal does. Here are eight ETFs that are trading higher as a direct result of the Japan quake knocking out the nuclear sector.

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.... There is also the PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy (NYSE: PBW) is up 0.9% at \$10.00 against a 52-week range of \$4.00 (low from Flash Crash) to \$11.42.

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Japan is one of those situations that is unfolding as a tragedy and it will have an impact on GDP ahead. These are just the financial winners in exchange-traded products as far as what the stock market vote is today.