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Radioactive Waste Day Events September 29, 2010

<http://www.nirs.org/radwaste/actionday/dayhome.html>

Reflecting the global extent of the impact of radioactive waste from industrial scale nuclear energy and weapons production, grassroots activists have joined together in coordinated action to send this message: STOP MAKING MORE radioactive waste; there are better options for electric power production and conflict resolution.

This day of coordinated action is the first in a string planned for the coming years. The next day of coordinated action is scheduled for April 26, 2011--25 years since one of the reactors at Chernobyl exploded and burned for 14 days, spreading plumes of radioactivity around the globe.

The events listed here are a small sampling of the actual actions taken in this time frame by people seeking to end the production of more radioactive waste on Earth.

Canada / Sweden / USA

September 28 + 29: Ottawa – over 75 interveners from around the world will challenge the Bruce Power plan to ship highly radioactive steam generators from Canada to Sweden for “processing” and subsequent release as metal for recycle on the open market. Hearings will be held by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission in its offices in Ottawa. Web cast is available: <http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/commission/webcasts/index.cfm>

September 28: Press Conference, Parliament Buildings Ottawa -- speakers representing: Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility, Aboriginal Affairs Critic, Green Party, Great Lakes United NF/GE Task Force, CARGOS spokesperson and citizen of Owen Sound, Sierra Club Canada, Beyond Nuclear, Washington D.C. Contact: Gordon Edwards (514) 839 7214

And:

Point Lepreau Decommissioning Caucus: petition drive to stop the refurbishment of a nuclear power reactor and commence decommissioning.

<http://iicph.org/statement-to-stop-refurbishment-and-immediately-commence-decommissioning-of-the-point-lepreau-nuclear-generating-station>

USA

Nuclear Information and Resource Service (www.nirs.org) has invited its membership to participate in the Action Day by sending a message to America's Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future (www.brc.gov), a federal advisory panel charged with developing the next phase of US radioactive waste policy. As of noon today, more than 1250 messages have been successfully sent. The invitation is posted at: <http://bit.ly/aDkCT8> and related activities are posted at: <http://www.nirs.org/radwaste/actionday/dayhome.html>

Maryland

Wednesday September 29: Baltimore Maryland: Crabshell Alliance Protest: Penn Rail Station 5:00 – 6:30 Radioactive waste shipments will be focus – near the Baltimore tunnel where a catastrophic accident caused downtown Baltimore to be shuttered for two weeks while toxic chemicals burned at record high temperatures; the same route could be used for transport of high-level radioactive waste. Contact: Contact: Max Obuszewski [410] 366-1637 or [mobuszewski at verizon.net](mailto:mobuszewski@verizon.net)

And:

Collectiveprogression.org will be joining the Crabshell Alliance September 29 to film their demonstration against the dangers of transporting radioactive waste as part of a larger project to highlight and raise awareness of nuclear and radioactive waste related issues in the United States and how they connect to global nuclear issues. See: <http://www.collectiveprogression.org/>

New Jersey

Saturday September 25: The League of Women Voters of Ocean County hosted a forum, "Ocean County's Tons of Nuclear Waste – Are we stuck with it?" at the Berkeley Branch –of the Ocean County Library, 30 Station Street, Bayville, NJ, on Sept. 25, 10:30 AM. Internationally recognized nuclear waste expert, Kevin Kamps, of Beyond Nuclear, was the featured speaker. Contact: [paulagotsch\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:paulagotsch@comcast.net)

And:

Saturday October 2: Jersey Shore Nuclear Watch will be joining the United for Peace and Justice demonstration in Washington DC, bringing the message that nuclear energy is not sustainable. Contact: [egbur\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:egbur@comcast.net)

New York

September 29: Citizens Environmental Coalition will release a media statement on the hazards of reprocessing irradiated nuclear fuel as was done at West Valley, near Buffalo NY with catastrophic concentrations of radioactivity in soil that will, eventually, erode into Lake Erie if not removed first. Contact: Barbara Warren 518-462-5527.

Massachusetts:

September 29: Orange -- Footprints for Peace and Seeds of Solidarity show solidarity: Organic Farmers say NO to Nuclear waste; Contact: Marcus Atkinson marcus(at)footprintsforpeace.net

North Carolina

Wednesday September 29: Screening of Climate of Hope (by Scott Ludlam and the Anti Nuclear Alliance of Western Australia) and Waste Lands (by Bob Saar and Nuclear Free Native Lands project) at the NIRS Southeast Office and a discussion of the new Blue Ribbon Commission charged with making new US nuclear waste policy. Contact: Mary Olson 828-252-8409.

Florida

This week interveners on proposed new nuclear power plants (Levy County and Turkey Point) are filing contentions on so-called "low-level" radioactive waste and the fact that there is no disposal site for any new radioactive waste generated in Florida. Contact: Mary Olson maryo(at)nirs.org

Wisconsin

September 29: NukeWatch will screen the film Building Bombs, in the town of Luck Wisconsin with a discussion afterwards of the proposed 20 year license extension for the Kewaunee reactor on Lake Michigan.

California

September 30: Tri-Valley Cares will hold a community meeting in Livermore on the Superfund cleanup of toxic and radioactive wastes that have leaked, oozed, spilled or been dumped at Livermore lab. Contact: Marylia Kelly, Marylia(at)earthlink.net

Alaska

September 29: Anchorage -- Alaska's Big Village Network will be holding up signs in front of the Federal building on the corner of 9th avenue & C street opposing the creation of new radioactive waste disposal sites, and loan subsidies for the construction of nuclear power plants. Contact: AkBigVillageNetwork.blogspot.com

Australia

Australian Greens Senator Scott Ludlam is moving a motion in the Senate of the Australian parliament to recognise this day, and is also making a speech as a "Matter of Public Importance." The speech in the Australian Parliament, given at 1 pm (AEST) is posted at:
<http://www.greensmps.org.au/content/opportunity-new-consensus-approach-nuclear-waste>

Finland

Wednesday September 29 Protest -- Helsinki Parliament Building: "To follow up on the great success of our August 28 blockade of the Olkiluoto reactor and construction site (and maybe to be the worlds first final repository of high level nuke waste)....we will join you by doing an action in front of the Finnish Parliament in Helsinki! Not sure how many of us there will be...but we'll be bringing some shovels...and will send you pics! (Nuclear Free Finland)

England

September 29: In Cumbria Radiation Free Lakeland are calling on their local leaders and officials to be the ones to take action! The Cumbrian group is calling on their leaders to:
Action 1 - Stop Radioactive Wastes going into Landfill
Action 2 - Oppose the Geological Disposal of High Level Nuclear Wastes
On Tues the 28th) they will meet in County Offices, Kendal, with the Cumbria County Council and nuclear industry representatives to discuss these issues and concrete actions that can be taken to ensure that Cumbria has the chance of a viable future. All the compensation in the world is not enough

Russia

September 29: Hearing before Moscow Court in the matter of Ecodefense and 23 residents of Chelyabinsk region (who were exposed to radiation as a result of "Mayak" nuclear reprocessing facility' activities) v. "Rosatom" and Russian government. "In our lawsuit we demand to build sarcophagus over Techa river which contains several millions of Ci of radiation because "Mayak" was dumping liquid radwaste into this river since 1949. And we want this river to be completely isolated from the environment and people. River is 243 km long and we want sarcophagus over this river for all 243 km." Concurrent grassroots events in Myak and Khystym commemorated the September 29, 1957 explosion of a radioactive waste tank in this region which killed more than 200 people and devastated a hundreds of miles with radioactivity.
Contact: ecodefense@gmail.com

South Africa

September 29: Spreading Wings, a group of creative women in Jeffreys Bay released photos of their action of faith: Inspired by the ancient Japanese legend Senbazuru (anyone who folds 1000 paper cranes will be granted a wish) Spreading Wings hand folded paper cranes and then formed an anti nuke sign with them hoping to spread peace, awareness and promote caring for our planet. The paper cranes will then be used by Rotary on their Christmas trees in the shopping mall for the wish lists for needy persons and the photos are posted:

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=41319&id=154714171208057&saved#!/album.php?aid=41319&id=154714171208057> (among other places)

- STOP MAKING MORE RADIOACTIVE WASTE -