

Please network widely!

INVITATION to PARTICIPATE in:

INTERNATIONAL RADIOACTIVE WASTE ACTION DAY

Radioactive Waste: STOP MAKING IT * DON'T REPROCESS IT *
DON'T DUMP IT ON ANYONE * HARDEN ON-SITE-STORAGE TO MAKE
IT SAFER AND MORE SECURE WHERE IT IS *
STOP TARGETING NATIVE, PERMANENT PEOPLE, ABORIGINAL LAND!!!

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 29* 2010

WHERE? ~~ Wherever you are! (Or in USA come to lobby day in DC / Capitol Hill)

WHAT? ~~ A "Teach-In" or other ACTION raising awareness of your community's radioactive waste issues in COORDINATION with others nationwide and worldwide!
See list of suggestions below.

WHY? ~~ Worldwide: push-back on new proposals that would expand radioactive waste production in both the civilian and military sectors ~~ in the USA to also raise coordinated voices that express the ethic: ALL for ONE, ONE for ALL, or another way to say it -- "one nation (one world), indivisible by the nuclear waste generators!" This is vital during new federal policy discussions about the existing radioactive waste burden. (See The Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future www.brc.gov)

** September 29 is the anniversary date for the worst radioactive waste accident (that we know of). In 1957 a tank of liquid, highly radioactive waste left from reprocessing nuclear fuel, exploded in a region of the Soviet Union called Kyshtym in the Ural Mountains of Siberia. The accident was kept secret for several decades, but we now know that it was at a secret nuclear reprocessing site called Mayak. This accident resulted in a regional disaster and a radioactive cloud that contaminated more than 300 square miles...many people received very high radiation exposures, some suffered acute radiation syndrome. Because of secrecy in the nuclear establishment it is not clear what exactly happened but estimates are at least 200 people died of "excess" cancer and scores of villages and towns were permanently abandoned due to the severe radioactive contamination. NEVER AGAIN!*

SEPTEMBER 29 -- ACTION SUGGESTIONS (please do share other ideas with us!)

- There will be a DC Lobby Day for those who want to travel to DC to participate OR your own in-District Lobby Day [to meet with staff of your Congress Member and Senators or better yet, the Members themselves! You make that request in writing to their scheduling secretary in the Washington DC office, addressing the Member with an invite
- State-level (Governor / legislators) meetings
- Non-Violent Direct Action as appropriate
- Street Theater?
- "Demo" / rally (As appropriate)
- Special focus: Congressional leaders of legislation loaning billions in tax dollars to building new reactors – with a note that says it is ok not to pay it back
- Community-based teach-ins, high school / College / University involvement

- People’s Hearings or “town hall meeting” (generate video testimony to send to BRC from areas they won’t likely visit)
- Create a “guestimate” inventory of existing / projected radioactive waste burden in a local area / region – make a “visual” that expresses this... or publicly “kick off” this query
- Do an info table at another event – or in a public place
- Hold an art event, photo exhibit, poetry reading or concert
- Hold a vigil
- Host a speaker or an author
- Screen a film
- Screen a BRC meeting all are available on-line in video form
- Do a letter-writing or call-in party...take cell phones and get “callers on the street” to call Congress on these issues...
- Sky is the limit!

PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE so we can have a “master list” of coordinated action – and we can send you any materials we generate...

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Please offer any ACTION / message ideas you have so we can share them with others!!!

PARTICIPATING GROUPS

[please add your group's endorsement by contacting Mary Olson at NIRS]

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