NO NUKE WASTE ON NATIVE LANDS!
ACTION SHEET

Help stop the tens of thousands of “Mobile Chernobyls,” high-level radioactive waste trains & trucks, targeted to be dumped at the Skull Valley Goshutes Indian Reservation in Utah and Western Shoshone Nation land at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Now’s the time to stop these dumps. Your involvement is needed and could make all the difference. April 26, 2001—the 15th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear catastrophe—marked a National Day of Action against the environmentally racist Private Fuel Storage (PFS) dump targeted at Utah and the 4,000 “Mobile Chernobyl” train shipments it would launch throughout the country beginning as early as 2003. Rallies took place at the reactors and headquarters of the 8 utilities that comprise PFS, calling upon them to cease and desist their hate crimes against Native Americans. The spotlight of media coverage served notice to these corporations that their secretive environmental racism is being watched and resisted. The Day of Action launched a national corporate accountability campaign against PFS companies. Energize this campaign. Below are some ideas how to take action. We welcome your ideas too!

- Organize a rally and press conference at the nuclear reactors, nuclear utility headquarters, or along the “Mobile Chernobyl” waste transport routes nearest you. Once the dumps open, ANY nuclear utility in the U.S. could send its wastes to Utah or Nevada.

- Win a local resolution against the impending irradiated fuel shipments that would go through your area. Civic group and neighborhood association resolutions can build into township or city resolutions, then county resolutions, then State resolutions. Sample resolutions and high-level radioactive waste route maps are on NIRS website, including the “Atomic Atlas” showing how close wastes would travel to schools, colleges and hospitals near you.

- Host a letter writing party targeting the PFS companies’ CEOs. List of CEO’s addresses, as well as a sample letter, on NIRS website.

- Organize a fundraiser to help pay for tribal dump opponents’ legal actions. Contact NIRS for ideas.

- Write letters to the editor and op-ed pieces. Samples on NIRS website.

- Hold a teach-in in your community or campus. Set up an info table with action postcards and petitions for passersby to fill out at your local food co-ops, farmer’s markets, and festivals, wherever there are lots of people. Free materials available from NIRS.

- Contact NIRS to plug into the action nearest you, to find out other ways to become involved, and to be connected to other groups in your neck of the woods and across the country working on these issues.

Check the NIRS website frequently for new information and ideas. For those not on-line, contact NIRS to have hard copy materials sent to you.