

People's Hearings on Nuclear Waste Transportation

Saturday, January 29, 2000
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Room #208, Bernhard Student Center
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Radioactive trucks and trains are coming our way!!! Consumers Energy, Detroit Edison, and Michigan Power of Indiana are pressuring hard to unload their deadly high-level atomic wastes onto the federal government (that is, us, the taxpayers) so that their nuclear reactors have room to make more waste for years to come. The U.S. Department of Energy would transport these wastes via train and truck – over 750 shipments through southwest Michigan alone, along such routes as I-94.

Each large rail cask would contain nearly **200 pounds of plutonium**, and the long-lived radiation equivalent of **240 Hiroshima atomic bombs**. Release of even a small fraction of the cargo could spell catastrophe for the environment and residents downwind. Despite this, the transport casks have not even been adequately safety tested to withstand collisions and fires, not to mention terrorist attack or sabotage. Emergency responders have not been adequately trained nor equipped to deal with a high-level nuclear waste emergency.

Come hear a short presentation about the potential dangers associated with such transports. Then, take this opportunity to make your voice heard. Your concerns will be recorded and sent to the Dept. of Energy for inclusion in the official public comment on the environmental impacts of nuclear waste transportation.

Plutonium and democracy don't mix, and it's time for democracy to speak out!!!

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