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1 | It is my understanding that, secretly, the government is going ahead with the planning and mapping out of routes that will take high level nuclear waste, brought in from Asia, and also from the eastern USA, for transport through San Bernardino County in Southern California; on its way to Yucca Mountain. It appears that all those hearings held previously and those to come are merely smoke screens to divert the public's attention away from a decision that has already been made.

2 | To make matters worse, the government has, apparently, "bribed" officials of San Bernardino County in such a way as to approve the building of a truck transfer station in Bloomington, CA as well as in Adelanto, further north. This truck transfer station will will transfer nuclear waste from rail to trucks. It has also come to my attention that the trucking firm handling this (Roadway Trucking) does not have to notify the surrounding neighborhood when the nuclear waste will be coming through.

3... | This transfer station is 1/2 mile from a Middle School, 1/2 mile from a High School. It is next to the I-10 freeway and also near homes and businesses. This is a total lack of concern for small communities and their citizens and is what I would call ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM as Bloomington is a small, mostly low-income community that is predominantly Latino and Black. Adelanto, is also a small low-income community in

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3 cont northern San Bernardino County.

4 This waste material will be trucked through San Bernardino County on the busy I-10, and I-215, through Cajon Pass, which is also seismically active, then on to Highway 127 where it will pass through the small communities of Tecopa, Shoshone, and Amargossa.

Highway 127 is a narrow, poorly maintained, two-lane road that is subject to flash floods at any time. It is also the main route to Death Valley National Park. It is NOT suitable for heavy truck traffic.

Trains going through Cajon pass have been known to derail due to poor maintenance of tracks, cars, and disregard for weight limit regulations by railyard supervisors. A derailment in the Cajon Pass will cut a lifeline from the southern communities and cities to the desert communities. In 1996 a train carrying toxic waste derailed, closing the Cajon Pass for three days. A nuclear waste accident could shut the Pass down for months, dare I say it, years, not to mention the thousands of people who use the I-215 every day, who would be exposed to the fallout before the proper agencies were notified.

5 The desert is a fragile environment. One little accident and the Amargossa River will be polluted, the ground water that these small communities, (i.e. Baker, Shoshone, Tecopa, and Amargossa), depend on will be unsuitable for consumption.

6 Death Valley National Park will be endangered, as will the delicate plant and animal life that can only be found in that region.

7 Yucca Mountain itself is seimically active and a poor choice for storage of high level nuclear waste. Even the state of Nevada is against the storage of nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain.

8 I am totally against the transportation of high level nuclear waste through San Bernardino County to Yucca Mountain in Nevada. It is unwise and shows the complete disregard for all the American citizens subject to exposure from any nuclear fallout that would occur should an accident happen. I am against the truck transfer stations in Bloomington and Adelanto for the same reasons. I am against the storage of high-level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain as it is unwise and environmentally unsound.
