HIGHLY DANGEROUS SHIPMENTS WILL TRAVEL ON NY BRIDGES & HIGHWAYS SOON !!!

LIQUID High-Level Radioactive Waste has NEVER Been Transported Before.

The PLAN is UNPRECEDENTED-- and jeopardizes our HEALTH & SAFETY. Each Load will contain enough material for several nuclear weapons.

PEOPLE ARE ORGANIZING to STOP THESE SHIPMENTS in Canada and the US.

HELP STOP THIS PLAN!

Individuals are needed who Live near the Bridges or Highway Routes
(Note the exact route is not known at this time, so we need people identified for all possible routes)
Individuals who might be affected by water contamination from an accident.
Individuals who are concerned about natural resources & wildlife impacts.
Individuals who serve as emergency responders in their communities.

We Especially NEED People willing to be listed in a lawsuit to BLOCK the Shipments and to be named in Press releases or events. 100 people from New York State would be great.

We also NEED SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS willing to be listed in the lawsuit, to serve as key contacts for the lawsuit and press activity.

In Canada there are over 300 municipalities signed onto a resolution opposed to these shipments. While we have multiple organizations signed onto a resolution in opposition, we have not mobilized city, town or county resolutions yet.

WANT TO HELP? WHAT DO I NEED TO DO NOW?

Email to Barbara Warren warrenba@msn.com, Executive Director, Citizens' Environmental Coalition, 33 Central Ave., Albany, NY, 12210, 518-462-5527.

Take these Steps:

1. Provide your Name, Address, Phone, & email.
2. Tell us why you believe you may be impacted by this plan. Brief description.
3. Are you a member of an Organization that also wants to be involved? Name organization and contact info.
If you are NOT a member of one of the key organizations involved, we can work with you to arrange membership.
Organizations can sign onto the Resolution by emailing warrenba@msn.com.

Consider a Donation. Donations to this effort are needed and very helpful.
HELP US BLOCK DANGEROUS SHIPMENTS OF LIQUID HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE FROM CANADA TO SOUTH CAROLINA

Dozens of shipments of liquid high level radioactive waste are being cleared for U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) transport over the next several years. This inherently dangerous material will likely be trucked across New York State and down an interstate corridor along the eastern U.S. seaboard, to a U.S. government nuclear weapons site, Savannah River Site (SRS), in South Carolina. This material is a waste product from the reprocessing of highly enriched uranium at the Canadian nuclear laboratory at Chalk River, Ontario, whose waste storage tank is full. The plan is to undertake more than sixty (60) separate truck shipments to deliver the high level radioactive liquid to be processed in the aging Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C. mainly to keep it running just a few more months. Each shipment will contain enough highly enriched uranium to make several conventional nuclear weapons.

A total of approximately 23,000 liters of the highly radioactive liquid would be moved in batches of a few hundreds liters at a time, a first, unprecedented attempt to truck liquid high level radioactive waste. It will be a 2,000 kilometer “experiment” from Canada. Chalk River, located in northern Ontario to the Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C. There are no transport containers for such shipments so an application has been made to amend the certification or stretch the rules for a cask that was designed for solid wastes.

According to DOE, the shipments will cross into New York State, likely over one of five Canada-U.S. bridges. While the exact route, timing and security details are government secrets, the most direct route would enter New York State over the Ogdensburg Bridge, near Clayton, New York and travel down Interstate 81 to Aiken. The Western New York Peace Bridge and Lewiston-Queenston Bridges are also possible with accompanying routes south.

While the DOE acknowledges that the shipment of high level radioactive liquid is a first, the agency trivializes transportation and reprocessing dangers, and underestimates or ignores accident and spill scenarios in urban areas, rural areas, forests and watersheds including the Great Lakes. Accidents could involve fire or explosion - catastrophic results for which there is little preparation. They could also involve contamination of the Great Lakes or other water bodies over which they travel.

The poorly-considered implications and dangers of this scheme have motivated environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, Beyond Nuclear and Nuclear Information and Resource Service, to work together toward filing a federal suit to stop the shipments. There are multiple violations of the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evident in the plan which should force wholesale reconsideration of the project.

Plaintiffs are needed to file suit - people who are members of larger environmental groups and who live within 5 to 10 miles of the likely transportation route, and/or use area roads and I-81, and/or get their drinking water from waterways crossed by or adjacent to the route, and/or might be affected by airborne radiation in the event of accident. Courts require plaintiffs with a genuine stake, who might be injured from inadequate consideration and preparation for this transportation scheme, which requires perfect execution every time.

Environmental groups representing the plaintiffs would pursue the lawsuit. Individual plaintiffs would agree to their names being used in publicity and as named parties to the lawsuit. They would be kept apprised of the progress of the suit through the courts. The more people who step forward as plaintiffs, the more convincing the impression will be of growing public opposition to this dangerous and unnecessary idea.