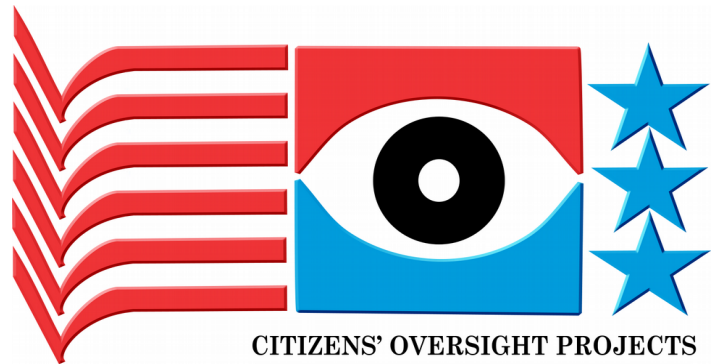


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PRESS RELEASE AND MEDIA ADVISORY - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Speak out against the Nuke Dump on the Beach

STATE LANDS COMMISSION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SAN ONOFRE
DECOMMISSIONING PLANS AT MEETINGS IN OCEANSIDE AND SAN CLEMENTE

Ray Lutz of Citizens Oversight will Conduct Live Stream press conference at 5pm
prior to the meeting in Oceanside

WHAT: State Lands Commission Meeting on San Onofre (Meeting #1)
WHEN: Tuesday, August 7, Livestream: 5pm; Public Meeting: 6:00-9:00 pm
WHERE: Oceanside Civic Center Library Community Room
330 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054

WHAT: State Lands Commission Meeting on San Onofre (Meeting #2)
WHEN: Wednesday, August 8, Public Meeting: 1:00-6:00 pm [Corrected]
WHERE: Holiday Inn Express North, Pier Ballroom
35 Via Pico Plaza, San Clemente, CA 92672

SAN DIEGO (Aug 7, 2018) -- The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) is the lead organization conducting the Environmental Impact Report on the San Onofre decommissioning project. On Tuesday in Oceanside and on Wednesday in San Clemente, the CSLC is required to take our public input on their *draft* Environmental Impact Report.

Ray Lutz of Citizens Oversight said, "To sneak approval of the nuclear waste dump, the environmental impact assessment was (we believe) improperly and perhaps illegally fragmented. The first part was handled by the CA Coastal Commission (CCC) dealing only the nuclear waste dump part, while the State Lands Commission (which actually has official jurisdiction only on things under the water along the coast) took all the rest of the decommissioning project. This sort of fragmentation is improper sleight of hand, and it was used to get the waste dump approved before the whole project was reviewed, and before the public could be alerted to the disaster of a nuclear waste facility only 100 ft from ocean."

Although Citizens Oversight sued the CCC and SCE (Southern California Edison) to halt the waste dump, the most we were able to get in the end was a set of six experts to develop plans to move the waste somewhere else and then to move it there, while they continued to move the fuel into the current facility on a temporary basis. (Yeah, that's right, we want it out of here!)

It may be that in order for Southern California Edison to complete their nuclear waste dump on the beach, the California Coastal Commission would have to approve the Environmental Impact Report produced by the

State Lands Commission. But we believe the lead agency should also have a say in what has happened in the decisions surrounding the waste dump, regardless of what they may say about their lack of jurisdiction.

The other big issues are whether the 1) spent fuel pools should be allowed to be demo'd if they do not have any other alternative to deal with a leaking canister, 2) whether to fully remove the large conduits that go out to the ocean (or just leave them buried under the water but made safe).

There is little dispute that the current site of the nuclear waste dump is perhaps the worst place that could be found to put such a facility. But we are also realizing that getting consent at any other place will also be nearly impossible. No one really wants nuclear waste in their back yard. Perhaps the best alternative place for the waste is to leave it in Camp Pendleton but farther away from the coast and higher in elevation. From the first announcement of the CCC settlement, we made the suggestion that the inland-Pendleton site should be considered. The mission statement of our military is to protect and serve, and we need protection.

Of course there are many other details in the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) that we need the public to address in their comments to the State Lands Commission. Please study it and provide comments that deal with the specifics of their plans as much as possible.

The CSLC is already responding to our pressure by having two local meetings. You can choose to be present and observe the proceedings without speaking. If you choose to speak, it can be from your heart; no scientific data is needed. You are at the meeting to defend your home; common sense can help you decide what to say. Your presence in the room makes an impact. You are needed!

Please come to Oceanside and to San Clemente, or be present at one of the meetings. There's free parking at both locations.

There is a separate meeting of the CEP on Thursday of this week to be held in Oceanside. Find information on a separate Citizens Oversight Projects event.

Here's a link to the draft EIR report, http://www.slc.ca.gov/Info/Reports/San_Onofre/SONGSDraftEIR_All.pdf

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