

## Revoke the Permit for Nuclear Waste on our Beaches

On April 14th there will be a hearing at the San Diego Superior Court. It may be our best chance to prevent Edison from burying nuclear waste, the most deadly substance on Earth, 100 feet from the ocean, only inches above the water table, in an earthquake/tsunami zone.

At the meeting where this approval was given originally, it was disclosed that Edison had been communicating privately with Commissioners leading right up to the hearing. It became blatantly obvious that the vote had been predetermined when Edison's Public Relations department accidentally sent out a press release an hour before the Coastal Commission had actually voted, proudly announcing their victory!

In January, Edison intends to begin loading millions of pounds of nuclear waste from cooling pools into dry cask storage placed into silos buried on our shores. They argue that it is safer to do so, and yet they have allowed this deadly waste to sit in pools for several years after they were cool enough to move into the more expensive dry cask option. But now that the plant was prematurely shutdown, there is a sense of urgency to get this liability off their hands. So which of their stories are we to believe? Were they putting the public at risk when they kept the waste in pools longer than necessary or are they doing so now by burying it next to the ocean for an indefinite period? One way or the other, they don't seem to be making public safety a priority.

Please join others who are sending a message to the Superior Court to revoke this permit. It could be our last opportunity to stop this ludicrous plan and force Edison to come up with a better solution. Their approval was based upon sensible conditions that required a system that can be inspected, repaired, maintained, monitored, and transported without cracks – but Edison was able to persuade them to delay those requirements for twenty years. By then, it might be too late.

It would be a significant gesture to have a letter from you in the form of an AMICUS CURIAE, or "friend of the court" placed in the record before the hearing on April 14th. If we do nothing to prevent it, nuclear waste will begin to be buried on our shores starting early next year for an unknowable period of time that may exceed the life expectancy of dry casks. The actions we take now may prevent a major disaster from taking place on our fragile coastline at some point in the future.