

## **MEDIA NOTICE**

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### **Community Symposium on Decommissioning San Onofre**

**October 19 - 1:00 pm**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **Community Symposium on Decommissioning San Onofre**

**Date/Time: Saturday, October 19, 2013 1:30 p.m to 4:30 p.m.**

**Location: Center for Spiritual Living, 1201 Puerta Del Sol, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673.**

**Press Conference: 1:00 pm, Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the same location**

In June, civic and environmental activists won a big victory when the troubled San Onofre nuclear plant ceased operations permanently. The current dispute over defective technology between Edison and Mitsubishi confirms how necessary this outcome was.

Environmental and citizen groups had only a short time to celebrate averting the risk posed by continued operation of the plant. Almost immediately it became clear that this site, wedged between Interstate 5 and the Pacific shoreline, poses a huge challenge of radioactive nuclear waste stored at the plant.

The issues are multiple. Much of the waste is a highly radioactive form of spent fuel known as "high burn-up," stored in densities far higher than original design specifications. Large uncertainties persist about where the waste will ultimately be stored and for how long. Billions of dollars of expense will be required to resolve these uncertainties. The issues involved in "decommissioning" San Onofre were secondary during the shutdown debate but now they loom large.

This Saturday, October 19, in San Clemente, the Community Symposium on Decommissioning San Onofre will feature nationally regarded authorities addressing these concerns:

**Dr. Arjun Makhijani**, expert on Hardened On Site Storage of nuclear waste and long-term high-level waste management issues and President of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research

**Dr. Marvin Resnikoff**, expert on nuclear waste management issues and Senior Associate at Radioactive Waste Management Associates

**Dr. Donald Mosier**, expert on the health effects of radiation, Department of Immunology at The Scripps Research Institute and City Council member from Del Mar, California

More information about the symposium is available at:

<http://residentsorganizedforasafeenvironment.wordpress.com/2013/09/21/community-symposium-on-decommissioning-san-onofre/>

Co-sponsors of the symposium include Residents Organized for a Safe Environment (ROSE), Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, Peace Resource Center of San Diego, San Clemente Green, Women's Occupy, Citizens Oversight Project, and San Onofre Safety.

**Symposium representatives are available for interviews prior to October 19**

For more information or to schedule an interview prior to October 19, please contact:

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## **NRC Plans for Decommissioning San Onofre**

Background information about the decommissioning plans for the San Onofre nuclear plant and many related issues were addressed at a recent hearing hosted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Sept. 26, 2013 in Carlsbad, California. Presentation material from the NRC hearing and the questions asked by local environmental and citizen activists are available for review at:

[http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/San\\_Onofre#Carlsbad](http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/San_Onofre#Carlsbad)

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