CCSSM Newsletter
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To CCSSM Members, friends, and neighbors;

This letter is to give you an update on the fight against ENSCO. We are hanging tough and not giving up even though they would like us too. The last few protests have been very good, but the next few need to be even better. THE NEXT 30 DAYS ARE VERY CRITICAL, so if you have not been active before, you need to be now. Time is growing short. We need to come together as one voice now!

Call the candidates running for office and let them know that we, the people, will no longer tolerate a government that does not listen to the needs of the people who put them in office. Remind them all that they work for the people, not the other way around. Call and write them today, tomorrow and next week. Let them know that the shouting has not stopped, and that it won't until this facility that threatens the lives of our children is closed to incineration and the state is closed to importation. Despite ENSCO's claims to the contrary the state can ban importation, because it has been done in other states. We must call for Arizona to be a leader in TOXIC USE REDUCTION. Many states have already done this. Why haven't we?

Submit your questions for the public comment period and ask them why they had ENSCO do a new model moving the Estrella mountains into the 2 mile range. What was the result of the new model? Remember that every incineration facility that has been shut down for health effects or environmental damage has met or beat EPA standards. Do you really believe that 18 miles is a safe distance from the incineration fallout? Where is the emergency response plan for ENSCO? The state has one for Palo Verde, and a number of procedures for other types of accidents, so why isn't there one for ENSCO?

Our state officials are pushing for a compromise. If we will back off they will give us only one incinerator. Hysterical housewives, and overemotional mothers and fathers are supposed to be too stupid to know that one incinerator will burn everything they are trying to get permitted for now. Our position is and will be NO incineration, NO importation, NO COMPROMISE AT ALL. We need a new and complete Environmental Impact Statement. There should be a complete moratorium placed on all construction until this is done and all of our questions, fears and concerns have been answered and addressed to our satisfaction, not to theirs.

What can you do? There are many chances coming up for you to get involved and show your support. Call and write today. Give of yourself and your time. The fight is expensive. There are those who have already given and to you we say thanks. However we must continue to give. Thank you for all of your help and thank you in advance for your continued support. Remember, the time to hit them hard is NOW! by Mary Jensen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS — Call Mary for more info at 759-1651.

Sept 22, 11:00am - 4:00pm - Penny Newman from Citizens Clearinghouse for Hazardous Waste. Come and Hear the Toxic story from the view of a mother and a victim. Place: Mountain View Lutheran Church, Ahwatukee, 11002 S. 48th. Street.

Sept 28, 6:00pm - Childrens Environment Rally at the State Capital. There will be prizes award for the Art entries. Art must be submitted no later than Sept 24. Letters, poems, and songs are also desired. Come join the young people of Arizona who want the chance to tell Gov. Mofford how they feel about the future of their environment. Send art entries to: Children for a Safe Environment/C.U.E., 2051 W. Warner, #23-B10, Chandler, AZ 85224. For more info call 899-9752.

Oct 1 - Public comment period draws to a close. Last day to submit is October 3rd. Please Submit questions and mail by this date. Be a part of a demonstration to bring them to D.E.Q. on the 3rd. If you are unable to attend, please mail to CCSSM, P.O. Box 50414, Phoenix, AZ 85076.

Oct 19 - 7:00pm - 10:00pm - The FACT Forum. Join us as we present the FACTS. County Board of Supervisors Rotunda. Seating is limited, and those wishing to attend the inside meeting need to make reservations. There will be a panel discussion and open questioning from the floor. Invited panelists are Pat Costner - Greenpeace, Dr. Paul Connett- Work on Waste, Micheal Gregory- AZ Chapter of the Sierra Club, and D.E.Q., ENSCO, & EPA representatives. Please call 759-7222 for reservations.

This event is in need of additional funds, if you can contribute please do so!

Oct 23 - 7:00pm - 9:30pm - Candidates Political Forum will be held at Mt. View Lutheran Church at 7PM. This forum will provide candidates running for District 6 Senate and House of Representative a chance to give their position on taxes, the environment, transportation and education.
Update on Past Activities:
Demonstration at the ENSCO Facility by Diane Morazan.

In temperatures exceeding 110°F on Thursday September 6th, an estimated 50 concerned citizens marched at the ENSCO Toxic Waste Facility which is currently under construction just southwest of Ahwatukee. This day was of particular importance as Governor Mofford’s Hazardous Waste Technical Advisory Committee had a 9:30 AM appointment with ENSCO officials to tour the facility.

Anticipating a meticulously prepared presentation of “What we want them to hear” half-truths, demonstrators greeted the committee with a large sign reading, “Welcome to the ENSCO Dog and Pony Show”. On hand were approximately 10 dogs and two large mannequin ponies.

Demonstrators followed two vans carrying the 26 advisors to the parking lot chanting, “Don’t Waste Arizona!!” Members of the media were also present, soliciting statements from the men as they exited their vehicles.

While the Governor’s group toured the plant, various demonstrators voiced their concerns about the hazardous waste issue and ENSCO. Representatives from Greenpeace, Don’t Waste Arizona, Children for a Save Environment, as well as CCSSM were present. Bradley Angel of Greenpeace, who has been a major organizer in the fight, was the main speaker of the morning. He broadcast his message to Mofford’s group by microphone, “We are the Arizona Truth Squad! We are here to tell you what ENSCO won’t!!” He cited many of the company’s disasters and cover-ups. One of particular interest occurred in Arkansas where ENSCO had been illegally dumping in Boggy Creek, killing all fish downstream. Nearby residents feared a potential health risk and demanded water analysis. It wasn’t until the people started asking questions that ENSCO finally applied for the necessary permits to release waste into Boggy Creek. Ironically, it is ENSCO’s own expensive television and newspaper advertising that tells us they are to be our saviour, protecting us from illegal dumpers.

Hopefully, the demonstration made an impact on the Governor’s chosen, as it is they who will recommend to the Governor whether or not a special legislative session addressing the ENSCO issue should occur prior to the general election.

Monte Vista PTO Meeting with Bradley Angel and ENSCO by Marlene Eibner.

Nearly every seat was filled for the Monte Vista P.T.O meeting on Wednesday September 12th. The community awareness portion of the meeting was going to feature a “Discussion” regarding the Mobile Toxic Waste Plant, between Mr. Bradley Angel, a representative of Greenpeace from San Francisco, and Mr. Bob Toloso, Project Manager of ENSCO and a Mt. Park Ranch resident.

We were all very angry and disappointed when Mr. Toloso did not appear as scheduled. We soon learned that Mr. Toloso had, several days earlier, confirmed by letter to the Monte Vista P.T.O. Board, that he would speak at our meeting. On Tuesday, September 11th, he advised the P.T.O. Board by telephone, that he did not intend to participate in a “debate” with Mr. Angel, in public, nor would he now, or at anytime in the future, send a representative of ENSCO to speak in his place. In my opinion, Mr. Toloso’s actions on his behalf and ENSCO quite obviously show a total lack of respect for our community, to say the least! Mr. Toloso’s actions are rude and a real “slap in the face” to all of us, and if a representative of ENSCO cannot even appear for a P.T.O. meeting as scheduled and agreed upon, we can only guess as to what other “tricks” will be used on our community by ENSCO!

However, Mr. Angel was a wonderful speaker and very informative. He advised of three basic ways we can fight to stop this toxic waste plant.
1. Write and call your local legislators.
2. Investigate what other communities are doing, and have done, to prevent toxic waste dumps in their area.
3. Get involved, educated and work closely with the organized groups in your area. The more people that “show-up” for public appearances, the better! FIGHT IT!
Toxic Use Reduction and Alternatives Forum by Richard Hausen.

On Thursday, September 13th, Jim Lemmon of the Arizona Health Association Chaired a Toxic Waste Use Reduction Forum at the Ramada Inn in Tempe. Kevin Dick, Pollution Prevention Specialist of the EPA, talked about the new Toxic Use Reduction (TUR) program currently being pursued by the EPA. He stated that it makes more sense to reduce toxics rather than having to dispose of larger quantities of toxic waste.

Ken Gyser, from the Massachusetts TUR Institute, talked about recently passed TUR laws in Massachusetts. He said the best way to reduce toxic waste is not use toxic materials. The Massachusetts goal is to reduce toxic wastes by 50% with TUR by 1994. TUR is not incineration, it's not transporting waste from one site to another, and it's not end of pipe reduction but elimination of toxics at the beginning of the process. Fourteen states have passed TUR laws similar to those of Massachusetts.

Marion Weise, an environmental Attorney from New Jersey, feels that we have to fundamentally change the way industry thinks about toxic waste. Currently industry is permitted to pollute at "Legal Levels" and this is not acceptable. TUR is a new alternative.

Dick Lemon from the Pima Country DEQ, feels that DEQ is understaffed and therefore we have a problem with implementation of national environmental laws on the state level. Terry McManus the Director of Corporate Environmental Health & Safety of INTEL, presented cost savings and toxic waste reduction realized from 1985 thru 1989 because of INTEL's self imposed TUR program. It works to the benefit of both the company and the community. A video on this event is available for your viewing.

CCSSM Position:
- NO Importation of Toxic Waste into Arizona.
- Process only AZ waste.
- NO incineration at Mobile Site. Use alternative processes such as source & waste reduction.
- Special Session before General Election.
- Corporate disclosure.
- Control of the transportation of wastes.
- NO construction of any kind at the site until the final permits are issued.
- Broaden the definition of hazardous waste under AZ law.
- Legislate a waste reduction program for AZ.
- New Environmental Impact Study.
- Not only must the comment period be extended, but the clock on the comment period cannot start until all records and documents are available to the public.

Call and Write Governor, Elected Officials, Party Headquarters.

Governor Rose Mofford
1700 W. Washington
542-4331

Sen. Alan Stephens, District 6, 542-4178
Rep. Jim Hartdegen, District 6, 542-5549
Rep. Henry Evans, District 6, 542-5898

Sen. (Name), Senate Wing
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Rep. (Name), House Wing
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Democratic Party Maricopa Co. Headquarters
1525 N. Central Ave., Ste 107, 254-4179

Republican Party Maricopa Co. Headquarters
3501 N. 24th St. 957-3999
Burt Kruglich, St Party Chairperson 957-7770

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Get involved with CCSSM.

We need help with the following activities:
- Help with the Candidates Forum - Call Mike @ 759-5416.
- Chairperson for the Recycling committee.
- Media watch: If you read a certain paper or view a TV news program would you cut article or video tape broadcasts concerning the ENSCO issue for our files? If interested call Cindy @ 759-0504.

FACT FORUM

Hosted By: Concerned Citizens South of South Mountain (CCSSM)

Sponsored By: The People of Arizona

When: Thursday October 19, 1990
Where: The Country Board of Supervisors Rotunda Bldg
111 S. 3rd Ave., Phoenix, AZ
Time: 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Seating is limited, please call for reservations.

CCSSM will be presenting a panel of experts from across the country, both those who are for incineration, and those who are against. There will be a panel discussion and open questions from the floor. Invited panelist are Pat Costner - Greenpeace, Dr. Paul Connett- Work on Waste, Micheal Gregory- AZ. Chapter of the Sierra Club, and D.E.Q., ENSCO, & EPA representatives. We hope to have the open dialogue of questions and answers that neither side can achieve in public hearings and an advertising blitz. Join us as we present the FACTS.

However, we desperately need the help of some equally concerned citizens. The forum will cost approximately $3,000 to $3,500 dollars. To date it is being funded by 3 to 4 individuals. We truly need some monetary help in bring this forum to the state of Arizona. CCSSM is in the process of filing for a non profit status, but do not have it to date.

If you can help out even with a dollar or two it would be greatly appreciated.

Please send your donations to: CCSSM, P.O. Box 50414, Phoenix, AZ 85076 (602) 759-7222.
Please mark your check FACT Forum, Thank you. CCSSM