

**E-mail Sent to Ken McGhee, California Bay-Delta Authority, Environmental Justice Coordinator on 5/3/05. See below:**

Dear Colleagues, Allies, and Elected Officials,

Ever wonder what California's environmental justice movement is up to?

Here is a quick look at some of the activities going on this week:

Tri Valley CARES is in New York at the Non Proliferation Treaty meeting at the United Nations. They are participating along with hundreds of other groups from around the world in efforts to stop the One Nation Arms Race that the U.S. is in.

Youth United for Community Action (YUCA) in East Palo Alto is protesting at the DTSC offices in Berkeley this afternoon. The hazardous waste treatment facility in their town, Romco, recently settled a series of violations with DTSC without any involvement from the local community. YUCA has been concerned about the emissions from the facility and its impact on the minority, low income neighborhood that hosts the facility.

Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Community Action to Fight Asthma is holding a rally in Los Angeles to bring attention to World Asthma Day. PSR is the regional asthma management program (RAMP) for LA and is striving to bring community groups and doctors and parents together to reduce the triggers and causes of asthma and fight for pollution reductions.

Center for Race, Poverty and the Environment and the TRI- County Watchdogs are finalizing their comments for the Title V permit for the TXI facility in Frazier Park, CA which is a light weight aggregate kiln. After a successful public hearing attended by over 50 community members in this small town, CRPE and TCW are asking for the Ventura County APCD to deny the permit for the facility or completely re write it due to the facility's long history of non compliance and pollution violations affecting the Lockwood Valley and its residents.

The Fort Mojave Indian Tribe is preparing for its meeting with Dr. Alan Lloyd, Secretary of the California EPA tomorrow. They are seeking to have an industrial treatment system removed from the mouth of their sacred Topoc Maze.

California Safe Schools is preparing for its battle against Chlorox to get its bill banning the use of experimental pesticides in schools off the Assembly Floor on Thursday.

The California Environmental Rights Alliance and its LA allies are preparing for Friday's board meeting of the South Coast AQMD where they are supporting the agency's own Land Use Planning Handbook and larger buffer zones protecting schools from polluting facilities.

Pacoima Beautiful will be asking questions and raising concerns about a highly contaminated site in Pacoima, the Holchem site during a public hearing on Wednesday evening. This site is soaked with solvents and has a contaminated groundwater plume that has co-mingled with a neighboring site, Price Pfister.

We are soooo busy! And we are busy about the business of making our communities a healthier place to live, work, and play. I salute you all!!!

Jane Williams