

Media Advisory

International Opposition to Radioactive Waste Shipment

Event:	Media Conference
Date:	Tuesday September 28
Time:	10:30 am
Place:	Charles Lynch Media Center (Room 130S, Centre Block, Parliament Buildings)

Participating:

Marc Chénier, Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility
Lorraine Rekmans, Aboriginal Affairs Critic, Green Party
Gordon Edwards, Great Lakes United NF/GE Task Force
Sharen Skelly, CARGOS spokesperson and citizen of Owen Sound
John Bennett, Sierra Club Canada
Kevin Kamps, Beyond Nuclear, Washington D.C.

Ottawa, September 27, 2010 – Over seventy-five interveners from around the world are opposing Bruce Power's plans to ship 1600 tonnes of radioactive waste through the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River to Sweden, where most of the radioactive metal is to be melted and sold as scrap for unrestricted use. The most radioactive 400 tonnes will be returned by an overland route to its final destination in Ontario.

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has belatedly agreed to hold two days of hearings into the matter, September 28 and 29.

Participants at the Media conference, all interveners, will challenge the rationale for the radioactive waste shipment, highlighting concerns about

- violation of international guidelines on radioactive transport.
- breaking commitments made in Environmental Assessment documents;
- threat of contamination of the Great Lakes and/or St. Lawrence River;
- lack of consultation with potentially affected aboriginal peoples;
- lack of consultation with towns and cities along the transport route;
- growing radioactive contamination of global metal supplies;
- inadequate technical review of waste inventory and accident scenarios ;
- the precedent-setting nature of this shipment in a policy vacuum.

The hearings begin on Tuesday at 1:00 pm at the CNSC offices in Ottawa and will continue through Wednesday, beginning at 8:30 am.