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Clean Water Action Alliance of Massachusetts * Center for Health, Environment and Justice * Health Care Without Harm – Boston * Women’s Community Cancer Project * Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition * Partners in Perinatal Health

MEDIA ADVISORY

Thurs, September 27, 2007

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New Testing Finds Lead in Children’s PVC Toys Sold in Massachusetts

Advocates Urge Recall of PVC/Vinyl Toys at Global Chemical Industry Conference and Call for Statewide Policy Reform to Replace Toxic Toys with Safer Alternatives

WHAT: Still reeling from recalls of toys contaminated with lead, the toy industry takes another hit from new testing that identifies popular children’s PVC (vinyl) toys containing lead. The toys purchased in MA last week contain dangerous levels of lead. Parents are concerned because there is no reliable government system to ensure products are safe. Advocates will demonstrate the “instant-analysis” toy testing technology, and release the results of the testing at a news conference this Thursday inside the Global Vinyl Forum, a gathering of over 200 representatives from PVC chemical companies around the world. In addition, advocates will urge an immediate recall of PVC/Vinyl toys and childcare articles, and issue a call to action for the state legislature and Governor Patrick. The legislature is currently considering the Safe Alternatives Bill (H.783 & S.558) which creates a state program to require that companies replace lead and other hazardous chemicals with safer alternatives where feasible. The groups will urge Governor Patrick to add PVC vinyl toys to a recently proposed ban of lead-containing toy jewelry.

WHEN: Thursday, September 27, 2007, 10:30am – 11 am “Belly Brigade” (Women wearing pregnant belly costumes photo op outside the hotel), and 11:00am (News Conference inside the hotel)

WHERE: Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave., MIT ROOM Third Floor.

WHO: Elizabeth Saunders, Clean Water Action; Dr. Sean Palfrey, Medical Director of the Boston Lead Poisoning Prevention Program; Laura Sparks, Concerned Mom; Mike Schade, Center for Health, Environment and Justice; Judy Robinson, Environmental Health Fund.

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PHOTO-OP: 10:30 am: “Belly Brigade”: women wearing pregnant belly costumes with 12’ square banners that read “PVC Toys Poisoning Our Future” and “Play it Safer”.



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FIRST SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ON PRECAUTIONARY ACTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 16–18 IN GREENSBORO, NC

*National Expert Speakers Featured on Nuclear Power, Sewage Sludge, Zero Waste,
Landfills, Health Studies and Corporate Campaigns*

WHAT: Community and environmental leaders from over 70 organizations will attend the Southeast's first multi-state conference on precautionary action. The conference will focus on three hazards facing the Southeast: nuclear power, mega-dumps and sewage sludge. The precautionary principle states that when there is reasonable threat of harm to human health or the environment and scientific uncertainty, citizens have a duty to take precautionary action to prevent harm. A growing number of local and state governments and businesses are applying the precautionary approach to environmental threats.

WHERE: Proximity Hotel, 704 Green Valley Rd., Greensboro, NC 27408.

WHEN: The conference begins on Friday, November 16th, at 6:30 PM and concludes on Sunday, November 18th, at 2:00 PM.

WHO: The national Center for Health, Environment and Justice and NC's Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League will host the conference. National expert speakers include:

- Peter Montague, Environmental Research Foundation;
- Lois Gibbs, Center for Health, Environment & Justice;
- Peter Anderson, Center for a Competitive Waste Industry;
- Ellen Harrison, Cornell Waste Management Institute

To view the agenda, visit <http://besafenet.com>. To set up speaker interviews and receive a complimentary media pass, please contact BREDL or CHEJ.



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Environmental Demonstration Planned for Disney AGM

Activists Encourage Disney to Adopt Green Cleaning Program

WHAT: Activists will gather outside the Walt Disney Company's Annual General Meeting to encourage Disney to adopt a green cleaning policy to protect the health of its guests and employees.

WHEN: 9 AM PST, March 10, 2009

WHERE: Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway, Oakland, CA

Oakland, CA – Activists will demonstrate outside of the Walt Disney Company's Annual General Meeting on March 10th to educate shareholders on the necessity of adopting a comprehensive Green Cleaning Purchasing Policy for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. The demonstration is being organized the Center for Health, Environment & Justice's (CHEJ) Disney Go Green Campaign.

Dozens of activists will erect a 'finish line' to encourage shareholders to make a written and transparent green cleaning policy a priority in 2009. Hundreds of guests to Disney theme parks, children, families and grandparents, will participate in the virtual demonstration. People across the country who cherish memories of visits to Disney World are determined to see Disney take the final steps needed to remove all toxic cleaning chemicals from Disney theme parks and make the happiest place on earth a safe one for our children.

About CHEJ

The Center for Health, Environment & Justice exists to mentor the movement to build healthier communities by empowering people to prevent harm in as many ways, and for as many people, as possible. We believe this can happen when people and groups have the power to play an integral role in promoting human health and environmental integrity. CHEJ's role is to provide the tools, the direction, and the encouragement to these people and groups, so that they can build strong, healthy communities where they live, work, learn, shop, play and pray. Following her successful effort to prevent further harm for the people living in contaminated Love Canal, Lois Gibbs founded CHEJ in 1981 in order to continue mentoring others seeking to prevent harm. CHEJ provides mentoring assistance to communities, homeowners, families and individuals throughout the country. To date, CHEJ has assisted over 10,000 groups nationwide. Currently, CHEJ is mentoring community groups in Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina and Ohio. Details on CHEJ's efforts to help people and communities prevent harm can be found at <http://chej.org/>.

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**New Study by Economists & Scientists Reveals True Costs of Nuclear Waste
Cleanup at West Valley Site**

*Leaving Waste Onsite Can Cost Billions While Endangering Public Health and Great
Lakes for Tens of Thousands of Years.*

*Ground-breaking State-Funded Study Has Startling New Information on Economic,
Environmental and Public Health Consequences of Onsite Buried Nuclear Waste*

WHAT: News Conference with study authors and activists to discuss implications of new study, *The Real Costs of Cleaning Up Nuclear Waste: A Full Cost Accounting of Cleanup Options for the West Valley Nuclear Waste Site.*

WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008, 10:00 AM News Conference, Buffalo, NY
Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008, 12:00 PM Noon Media Conference Call

WHERE: Part 6 Room, Mahoney Office Bldg, 65 Court St., Buffalo, NY 14202
Conference Call: Dial 877-233-4763. Passcode: 55 36 535#

SPEAKERS: *William Steinhurst*, Synapse Energy Economics; *Professor Michael Wilson*, SUNY Fredonia; *Senator Catharine Young* (R-Olean); *Judith Einach*, Coalition on West Valley Nuclear Wastes; *Diane D'Arrigo*, Nuclear Information & Resource Service; and *Anne Rabe*, Center for Health, Environment & Justice

A first-ever study is being released on the long-term cleanup costs for the West Valley nuclear waste site, located 30 miles south of Buffalo, NY. West Valley represents a failed experiment: the country's only commercial reprocessing facility closed as an economic failure in 1972. This new Full Cost Accounting Study compares the costs of digging up radioactive waste versus leaving buried waste onsite for the first 1,000 years. (The wastes will be dangerously radioactive for tens of thousands of years). Funded by the state of New York, through a grant sponsored by Senator Catharine Young (R-Olean), the study was conducted by Synapse Energy Economics, Tufts University, SUNY Fredonia and Radioactive Waste Management Assoc.

The study reveals leaving waste buried onsite is both high risk and expensive. Cleanup costs range from \$10 billion to \$27 billion or more. This is the first time a full cost accounting approach has been applied to a waste site cleanup. The Department of Energy (DOE) has done a series of studies which favor onsite buried waste, claiming it is an expedient and cost-effective way of "remediating" the site. This study proved their position is based on false premises. The study authors are meeting with DOE, state agencies and the Governor's office to discuss the study findings.

To view embargoed report, contact CHEJ or NIRS.

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REPORT SHOWS NEW YORKERS CONTAMINATED WITH DEPLETED URANIUM OVER 20 YEARS AFTER EXPOSURE

*Radioactive Uranium Found in Homes
After Federal Cleanup of NL Industries Pollution*

WHAT: Biological and environmental test results show a significant proportion of tested individuals have a proven DU exposure from NL Industries factory near Albany 20 years later, and household dust contains DU in excess of site cleanup standard.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 5, 2007, 11:00 AM.

WHERE: LCA Press Rm. 130, Legislative Office Bldg., State St., Albany, NY 12224

WHO: Speakers include the following:

- Randall Parrish, Professor, Dept of Geology University of Leicester and NERC Isotope
- Geosciences Laboratory, British Geological Survey, Keyworth, UK
- David Carpenter, M.D., Institute for Health & the Environment, University at Albany
- John Arnason, Professor, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, University at Albany
- Residents and workers who tested positively for DU.

Albany, NY - For the first time, a report documents depleted uranium (DU) can be detected in people more than two decades after exposure when using high sensitivity urine tests. Scientist's data also reveal that significant DU remains in some Albany and Colonie, NY household dust, two months after the federal government ended a "clean up" of the site and surrounding neighborhood and 27 years after the NYS Supreme Court closed the NL Industries factory for illegal uranium emissions. The isotope measurements, which have never before been conducted on any community in the U.S., are a joint initiative of U.S. and United Kingdom scientists, led by Professor Randall Parrish. The results are being published in an international journal, *Science of the Total Environment*, in the near future (electronically available on-line). The article is embargoed until the December 5th news conference.

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