## PEOPLE AGAINST RADIOACTIVE DUMPING

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Re: COMMENTS AND ALLEGATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED "CADIZ GROUNDWATER STORAGE AND DRY-YEAR SUPPLY PROGRAM DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SCH. No. 99021039" AKA THE

## "DILUTION OF CONTAMINATED COLORADO RIVER WATER AND CONFORMING TO DRINKING WATER STANDARDS PROJECT"

Dear Governor Davis and Supervisor Davis, Mr. Tim Salt, Mr. Stephen N. Arakawa, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors;

Due to the fact that the Colorado River is contaminated with radiation from the Atlas Mine, bomb testing fall out, and sewerage discharges from industrial and medical wastes upstream (Las Vegas, Laughlin, Bullhead, Needles) we object to the injection of Colorado River water into natural and pristine desert aquifers such as the subject Fenner Basin groundwater. The subject EIS/R is deficient in that it does not provide an analysis of the radioactive elements in water samples taken from the Colorado River, and thus inadequately describes the effect of injecting-radioactive elements included in Colorado River water. Into the groundwater basin at Fenner. Further, not analyzed, is the effect that such radioactive materials injected into the ground water basin at Fenner would have upon existing basin mineral deposits—which are being used for beneficial purposes, such as those at the chloride mines around Bristol Lake.

Submitted by

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