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Demonstrations in California: No More Nukes!

As California Sees Spikes in Radiation Levels, Protesters Make Plans

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Spikes in levels of radioactive material has been found in milk samples in San Luis Obispo County, its presence linked to the release of I-131 from Japan's Fukushima Daichii plant. The Environmental Protection Agency issued a press release saying that radioactive material in California's rainwater is the result of the nuclear disaster in Japan. While health officials are rushing to assure the public that the amounts present no danger to humans, members of the public are expressing deep concern about the possibility of a Fukushima-like scenario in California, where two nuclear reactors are poised near earthquake faults on the state's coast. Protesters are announcing scheduled demonstrations, and

plans for more are in the making.

In San Francisco there is an urgent call to action for April 14th. Organizers are encouraging California residents to speak their minds to the Board of the California Public Utility Commission in the public meeting and call for the closure of Diablo Canyon, a nuclear reactor that is a mere 200 miles from the Bay Area.

Mothers for Peace, a group that protested the establishment of Diablo Nuclear Power Plant in the 1970's and has continued to question its safety, is organizing a mass demonstration at Avila Beach, California, near Diablo Canyon on April 16th.

Less than two weeks after the Japanese earthquake, a small group of demonstrators in Menlo Park, California protested what they called "the rubber-stamping of licenses for nuclear reactors by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission". The organizers of that action plan a large demonstration on the 25th anniversary of Chernobyl, April 26, also to be held in Menlo Park, home to the United States Geological Service's Science Facility. April 26th will be a day of global day of action that will see demonstrations throughout the US and in many countries.

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