

# Los Angeles Times

**Beyond Nuclear letter to the editor in the *L.A. Times*, published Sept. 14, 2017**

The following letter to the editor was published in the *Los Angeles Times*, written in response to a Sept. 11, 2017 *L.A. Times* editorial:

## **To the editor:**

For 15 years, hundreds of environmental groups have advocated for hardened on-site storage of irradiated nuclear fuel, as close and safely as possible, to the point of generation as a necessary interim measure.

Why ship highly radioactive waste a thousand miles to the east when it could be moved just a few miles? San Onofre's wastes can be transferred out of the tsunami zone, away from the earthquake faults, across the 5 Freeway, further inland and to higher ground. By moving the dangerous nuclear fuel rods into the heart of Camp Pendleton, there would be the added bonus of many thousands of U.S. Marines to help guard it.

The push to turn the New Mexico-Texas borderlands into a nuclear wasteland is an environmental injustice. The large Hispanic population already suffers significant pollution from oil drilling, natural gas fracking, uranium enrichment and "low-level" radioactive waste disposal.

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