



SLO COUNTY RESIDENTS PROTEST LOCAL PLUTONIUM TRANSPORT

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – March 26, 2024 – SLO County residents are voicing strong concerns over the alleged transportation of plutonium from the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant to Camp San Luis Obispo for long-term storage. The controversial move has sparked heated debate among local citizens and officials alike.

The transportation operation, which began last week, involves securely transferring plutonium waste from the soon to be decommissioned Diablo Canyon plant to the military base, where it will be stored until a permanent disposal solution is identified.

Many residents are worried about potential risks associated with the transport, citing concerns over safety and environmental impacts. Critics argue that the routes taken pose dangers to local communities and they question the adequacy of the security measures in place.

Tensions came to a head late Friday afternoon when a group of protesters gathered near the transport route to voice their opposition. The demonstration escalated, leading to the arrest of several protesters.

Local officials are calling for a thorough review of the transportation protocols and increased public engagement to address these concerns.

The Department of Energy has stated that stringent safety measures are in place to ensure the secure handling and transport of the plutonium.

As the debate continues, residents remain vigilant for not only managing plutonium waste but securing this fuel to ensure it doesn't fall into the wrong hands.