Alliance for Nuclear Accountability

A national network of organizations working to address issues of nuclear weapons production and waste cleanup

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WHEN: Monday, April 23, 2007 - 10:00am

WHERE: Room 2322 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC

WHO: Leaders of the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (ANA),

- Jay Coghlan – Director, Nuclear Watch New Mexico, which analyzes work at DOE’s Los Alamos and Sandia research laboratories, including programs such as the Reliable Replacement Warhead, Complex 2030, and plutonium pit production.

- Beatrice Brailsford – Program Director, Snake River Alliance, Idaho’s nuclear watchdog, and expert on DOE’s “Accelerated Cleanup” program, and the contamination risks from high-level waste tanks.

- Bobbie Paul – Director, Atlanta Women’s Action for New Directions, which monitors DOE projects in the southeast, including Mixed Oxide (MOX) plutonium reactor fuel and environmental management at the Savannah River Site.

- John Hadder – President, Healing Ourselves and Mother Earth (HOME) in Reno, NV, which works to stop the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump and for Nevada Test Site cleanup.


WHY: Scores of activists from across the nation will present concerns about U.S. nuclear weapons policies in dozens of meetings with leaders of Congress and Administration from April 23 - 25 as part of ANA’s DC Days. Other DOE sites represented include Hanford, Lawrence Livermore, Rocky Flats, and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

Also, on Tuesday, April 24 at 6:00pm, ANA will host an Awards Reception honoring leaders in the movement for more responsible U.S. nuclear policies. Awardees include U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, Russian activist Andrey Talevlin, Rocky Flats organizer Adrienne Anderson, and whistleblower Robert Gilkeson. The event will take place in Room G-11 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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- an ANA briefing kit on current nuclear weapons issues is available on request -