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Subject NHPA scope of impact

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On behalf of our constituents at the Colorado River Indian Tribes, Greenaction opposes the EPA's small proposed area of potential impact under the National Historic Preservation Act for the Westates hazardous waste facility.

US EPA has boldly ignored prior official communication from the Colorado River Indian Tribes government that confirmed the sacredness of an area close to Westates. The US EPA has no right to dispute what elders of the Mohave culture and other traditional people of the tribe consider to be sacred. It is a violation of environmental justice that the US EPA has spent so much effort disputing the religious beliefs of traditional Mohave people regarding the sacred mountain located so close to the hazardous waste facility. It is a violation of environmental justice that EPA continues to allow this sacred mountain to be desecrated by the toxic emissions from Westates/Siemens.

In addition, the revelation a few days ago on July 13, 2006 that the Westates/Siemens facility has had violations for the last several years should demonstrate to EPA that the potential area of impact is far greater than EPA proposes.

We also ask EPA to extend this comment period in light of the fact that the settlement agreement revealing the violations was signed on June 15th, but was not revealed to Greenaction until July 13th – and we have confirmed that the Mohave Cultural Preservation Program comprised of CRIT tribal members was never informed of this settlement agreement or violations, ever.
The public needs more time to evaluate the new important information regarding violations at this company so these facts can beincorporated into comments. We incorporate the EPA/Siemens agreement as part of our comments. We also want to know why this information was withheld from us for nearly one month and why it was never revealed to the Mohave Cultural Preservation Program that has been actively involved in your review process since the beginning.

For environmental justice,
Bradley Angel
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