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MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: **Groups from 5 states unite in joint press events in Indiana and New Jersey, to oppose the U.S. Army's plan to ship nerve agent hydrolysate from the Newport Army Depot in Indiana to a DuPont facility in Deepwater, New Jersey.** The groups will highlight overwhelming support for safer hydrolysate disposal on-site in Indiana, and are urging support for this solution from local and national leaders.

WHEN: **Thursday, April 6, 2006**
10 AM Eastern Standard Time

WHERE: **RiverWinds Community Center**
1000 Riverwinds Dr.
Thorofare, NJ 08086

WHO: 14 organizations from four states will be represented at the event. The groups will speak about the unnecessary risks of transporting the hydrolysate, holes in the Army and DuPont's proposal to treat the hydrolysate in New Jersey, and why destroying the hydrolysate safely in Indiana – as the Army had originally planned – is the best option.

Speakers at the press conference will include:

- Craig Williams, Chemical Weapons Working Group, Berea, Kentucky
- Sharon Finlayson, New Jersey Environmental Federation, Merchantville, New Jersey
- Tracy Carluccio, Delaware Riverkeeper (with members in DE, PA and NJ)
- Alan Muller, Green Delaware, Wilmington, Delaware
- Tina Daly, Pennsylvania Environmental Network, PA
- Rex Beers, Pennsylvania Boating Association, SE
- Mike Kovacs, Delaware River Yacht League, Bordentown, NJ
- Jim Rowe, United Steelworkers Local 943, Deepwater, NJ
- Gina Carola, West Jersey Chapter, Sierra Club, West Deptford, NJ
- Sonnet Gabbard, Clean Water Action, Phila. PA
- Nancy Merritt, Salem County Watershed Task Force, Upper Pittsgrove, NJ
- Roy Jones, South Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, Camden, NJ
- Matt Blake, American Littoral Society, Bridgeton, NJ
- Jody Carrara, Maurice River Twp. Environmental Committee, Leesburg, NJ
- Cindy Hatton, Citizens Against A Radioactive Environment, Gloucester Twp., NJ
- William Gaffney, City Council, Cape May, NJ

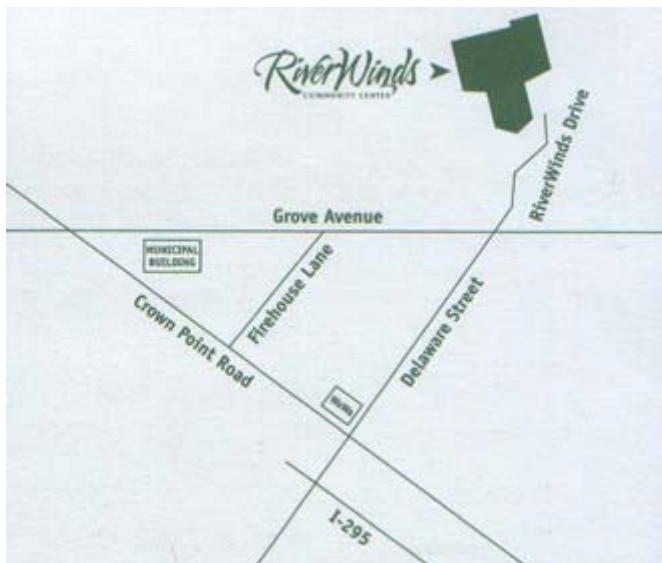
WHY: Newport Indiana is one of eight U.S. chemical weapons stockpile sites. Newport is the only site whose stockpile consists solely of bulk containers of lethal VX nerve agent, which are now being neutralized with water and a caustic solution. The post-neutralization liquid is referred to as "hydrolysate." The Army had also planned to treat the hydrolysate at Newport. Then in December 2002, the Army abruptly decided to instead

ship the waste to an off-site commercial treatment facility, under the assumption that this plan would cost less and could be accomplished in less time. Since then, citizens groups, local and state governments have criticized the plan as unnecessary at best; a threat to the environment and chemical security at worst.

Later in the day, more four additional organizations representing workers, conservationists and environmental justice groups will gather in Indianapolis for a joint press event to address concerns with transportation of the hydrolysate, and the need for precaution when dealing with this waste, despite assurances from government agencies. Together, the groups again call on the Army and DuPont to withdraw its transportation plan, and ask the Army to revert back to its original solution: safe destruction of the VX hydrolysate in Indiana.

VISUALS: Delaware River backdrop, map of proposed transportation route, placards, signs with logos of participating organizations.

DIRECTIONS TO RIVERWINDS



RiverWinds Community Center
1000 RiverWinds Drive
Thorofare, NJ 08086

295 SOUTH: Exit 21 proceeding to the traffic light at the bottom of the ramp. Make a right onto Rt. 44 (Crown Point Road). Next light at WaWa make a left onto Delaware Street. Cross Grove Road onto RiverWinds Drive and continue 1.3 miles to Center.

295 NORTH: Exit 21 proceeding to the bottom of the ramp, bear left at the stop sign. Make a left onto Delaware Street proceeding to the traffic light across from the WaWa. Proceed straight through the light, then cross

Grove Road onto RiverWinds Drive and continue 1.3 miles to Center.

From Deptford Mall: From Clements Bridge Road make a right onto Cooper Street (Lube Zone on left). Once on Cooper Street, you will remain straight through two lights (crossing over Delsea Drive & Evergreen Avenue), at the third light you will cross over Broad Street (Woodbury). Cooper Street then becomes Delaware Avenue. From here, you will go through your first light (WaWa) and remain straight through the second light which then becomes RiverWinds Drive. You will continue 1.3 miles to the Community Center.

Note: If weather permits, press conference will be by the gazebo at the Delaware River. Proceed beyond the building to the riverfront parking area. If rain, go inside the community center.