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Nuclear Waste Train Action Day Saturday 27th September 2014

Members of the local campaign group Stop Hinkley will stage a nuclear waste demonstration, 9.30am till midday at Bridgwater Railway station, in solidarity with a country-wide protest at the movement of radioactive waste along the railway network.

“Local people are unaware of the risks that Bridgwater is exposed to every week, with the transport of hazardous waste along the streets from Hinkley to the railhead, where the flasks are transferred to trains right next to a primary school in Eastover, amidst high density housing”, says local campaigner Jo Smoldon.

These waste trains are operated by DRS (Direct Rail Services) which transports the waste through some of the most highly populated areas in the UK to Sellafield. The transport of nuclear material is recognized by the International Atomic Energy Agency to be the nuclear operation most vulnerable to terrorist attack or sabotage, and tests have shown the flasks to be highly vulnerable to attack from armour piercing rounds.

They are the most dangerous cargoes carried on our railways. In Sept 2013 a nuclear waste train was derailed in Barrow in Furness. The rail cargo can be the target of both deliberate and accidental incident.

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Notes to Editors:

- ♣ For more information: <http://www.nonucleartrains.org.uk/>
- ♣ Waste leaflet from Stop Hinkley website: <http://stophinkley.org/RadWaste2.pdf>
- ♣ Greenpeace briefing on a review of the consequences of a terrorist attack on a routine transport of nuclear waste <http://www.greenpeace.org.uk/media/press-releases/nuclear-waste-transport-incident-could-spread-radioactivity-over-100km>