



# Protect Quitovac!



10:00 AM, Sat. March 27, 2010, Quitovac, Sonora, Mexico

**Respect Indigenous Rights; Not Toxic Dumping or Mining**

**Listen to speakers, network, organize, and build a movement to permanently protect this sacred site from industrial desecration!**

**La protección de Nuestra Madre Tierra es el mayor principio de la Forma de Vida O'odham, Him'dag**

As O'odham, we maintain our legacy through our oral history, and the teachings of our Elder Brother I'toi. We maintain our inherent way of life including conducting our ceremonies, making offerings to the land and sea, and using all the biological and environmental resources of the region as food and medicine. CEGIR and its need for a dump is a threat to the entire region!

The gathering on **Sat., March 27, 2010** is an invitation to support our elders and the community of Quitovac. We welcome all supporters and organizations to join us in Quitovac to continue to oppose any and all desecrations of this sacred site, including any and all mining and dumping operations. The community and the sacred site at Quitovac need permanent protection.

In the past, CEGIR-Centro de Gestion Integral de Residuos, S.A. wanted to dump 45,000 tons of hazardous waste on O'odham lands eight miles from the sacred ceremonial grounds of Quitovac and the Quitovac school. Our efforts have so far kept this dump from being built!

**At the gathering this March, we will discuss and organize ourselves to find a way to permanently protect the sacred site of Quitovac!**

**Speakers at the event this year will include:**

**Natsu Saito, JD:** Professor of international law and human rights at Georgia State University

**Julian Rivas:** Traditional O'odham Leaders council member and member of O'odham VOICE Against the WALL and O'odham Rights Cultural and Environmental Justice Coalition.

- Speakers will be discussing issues surrounding indigenous rights violations in the border area as well as the topic of creating a mining and toxic free designation for the area surrounding the sacred site of Quitovac.

**Attention:**

**At the request of the Ceremony Elders and the Traditional O'odham Leaders, (the traditional O'odham Council), all our guests of the community must remain in the designated area of the Quitovac School Grounds during the entire event. Quitovac is an O'odham ceremonial grounds with a sensitive ecosystem.**

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