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Romic Protest Countered Toxic Facility

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Shut Romic Down!



A toxic waste treatment facility called Romic Southwest sits in the Gila River Indian Community next to Chandler. The U.S. EPA refuses to fine this company despite serious and repeat violations and the people who live and work in the community have little means to do anything about it.

That is why dozens of people came out to demand the toxic waste facility be shut down. People lined both sides of the street near the facility holding signs and banners. Speeches were made as the crowd rallied in an open lot, listening to the stories of ill-health, similar struggles that others are facing around the country, and encouragement. A walk to the location where the police had blocked off the road to the Romic facility was made twice during that day.

ROMIC - Who are they?

Romic Southwest hazardous waste facility at the Gila River Indian Community:
Bringing Hazardous Wastes from Around the World to Gila River!
Let's Stop This Toxic Threat To Our Health, Environment & Culture!

Did You Know?

- “Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation” operates a commercial hazardous waste “treatment” facility at Lone Butte Industrial Park on the Gila River Indian Community, and they are authorized to store and “treat” hundreds of highly dangerous toxic chemicals and toxic metals.
- Romic accepts hazardous waste shipped from around the world!
- Romic wants to expand the amount of hazardous waste they store on site by about 50%!
- Romic wants to add 15 new tanks to store additional hazardous waste.
- This plant has existed since 1975 and has a terrible history of violations including:
 - o hazardous waste leaks
 - o hazardous waste barrels stored in flooded areas
 - o missing inspection and monitoring reports
 - o missing hazardous waste labels
 - o incomplete inspection logs
 - o open containers of hazardous waste
- According to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency inspection reports, the dangerous practices have continued at the facility for decades.
- · U.S. EPA refuses to fine this company despite serious and repeat violations.
- · U.S. EPA never told the community the truth about this hazardous waste company, its problems or risks, or the proposed big expansion. EPA has allowed this company to operate for decades without full permits or any environmental impact report.
- · In December 2002 Romic applied to U.S. EPA for a permit to expand and continue operating, but the EPA has failed to hold a public hearing where tribal members could voice concerns.

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Some Pictures from the Protest:







