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September 27, 2001

The Honorable Gary Johnson
Governor, State of New Mexico
State Capitol building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

Dear Sir:

I am a resident of Roswell, New Mexico and am very much against the Triassic Park Hazardous Waste Facility which is in the final stages of being awarded a permit by the New Mexico Environmental Department.

I am appalled at the obvious preference Mr. Steve Pullen shows for Gandy/Marley, Inc., the company seeking the permit. Their wishes are catered to while we, the opposition, are rebuffed at every stage.

Please read the enclosed article. I would think that this information would force the State of New Mexico to further study the security of the Triassic Park Permit. If not, then someone in the Legislature should put the brakes on the gung ho Environmental Department and give cooler heads time to study the possibility of another tragedy that this installation might bring not only to New Mexico but to the U.S.

When you assumed your office, you were Governor of one of the cleanest states in all the U.S. I would think you would want to leave it in the same condition.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Sue Graham'.

Sue Graham

cc Peter Maggiore, Cabinet Secretary NMED
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U.S. arrests 10 on fake license charges

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WASHINGTON (CNN) -- At least 10 people have been arrested in three states in connection with alleged efforts to fraudulently obtain commercial trucking licenses allowing the transportation of hazardous materials, authorities said Wednesday night.

The arrests of individuals in the Seattle, Detroit and Kansas City areas have not been tied to any terrorist plot.

"It's too early to tell if there's any connection," said Justice Department spokeswoman Susan Dryden.

Tuesday, Attorney General John Ashcroft said "several individuals" who may have links to the hijackers implicated in the terrorist attacks had sought or held licenses to transport hazardous materials.

An FBI advisory sent out last week to the American Trucking Association cited unconfirmed threats involving the "use of chemical, biological, and/or radiological/nuclear WMD (weapons of mass destruction)." The advisory called on truckers and workers at hazardous waste facilities to be on the lookout for any "suspicious behavior."

The 10 men arrested were among 20 people charged in Pittsburgh since the September 11 terrorist attacks for seeking the fraudulent documents. At least four of the men do not speak English.

All of the licenses were issued in Pittsburgh -- beginning in July 1999. The most recent license was issued in January 2000.

The men are charged with conspiracy to possess and obtain false and fraudulent identification documents, specifically commercial driver's licenses with a "hazardous materials endorsement."

The individual arrested in the Kansas City area was identified as Wather al-Atabi, according to a criminal complaint issued in Pittsburgh. Five men -- identified as Hussain al-Obaidi, Akeel al-Aboudy, Hatef al-Atabi, Sabah al-Hachami, Samir Almazaal -- were taken into custody in Detroit.

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