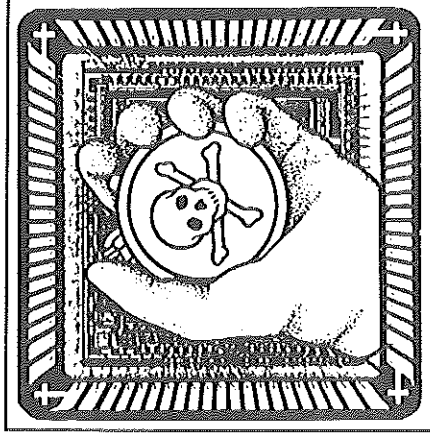


The Bargaining Chip

Bulletin of the Electronics Industry Good Neighbor Campaign

A collaboration between the Campaign for Responsible Technology and the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice

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Program Reviewed at Texas Meeting

SEMATECH Gets Campaign Proposals

Grassroots community activists met with SEMATECH officials in Dallas, TX on April 5th and 6th to review and evaluate SEMATECH's research on environmentally safe manufacturing methods. Last year, Congress mandated \$10 million of SEMATECH's budget be earmarked for this research. Congress also instructed SEMATECH to execute this mandate in consultation with appropriate labor and environmental organizations.

The money was set aside after several years of organizing by the Campaign for Responsible Technology (CRT) and the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (SNEEJ). The Electronics Industry Good Neighbor Campaign is a collaboration between CRT and SNEEJ.

SEMATECH is the national research consortium established to improve the chip industry's competitiveness.

SEMATECH officials presented a "roadmap" describing the major areas where they expect to focus their environmental research effort. During a lively question and answer period, members of the collaboration

repeatedly challenged SEMATECH to open up the decision making process and broaden their work to be more relevant to chip production workers and affected communities.

The high point of the meeting was an afternoon panel presentation by the EIGNC. Members presented a detailed description of the problems facing communities and workers where the chip industry is located. The panel finished with a clear demand that SEMATECH add community, environmental and labor representatives to their board of directors and establish a national citizens' advisory board.

With the assistance of a special CRT Task Force, the collaboration submitted a nine-point environmental research proposal prior to the SEMATECH meeting. Additional proposals on high tech economic development, and workforce training and labor issues were also presented. The Campaign's environmental proposals recommended a comprehensive approach to environmentally sustainable manufacturing in the semiconductor industry. Copies of the proposals for SEMATECH may be obtained by contacting any of the member organizations in the EIGNC.



CAMPAIGN ACTIVISTS ASSEMBLE AT SEMATECH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
From left to right: (seated) Gary Chapman, 21st Century Project; Aida Franco South West Organizing Project; Maria Chavez, SWOP and Toxic Victims Assistance Corp.; Tere Amezcuita, TONATIERRA; Phyllis Pei, SEMATECH. (Standing) Frank Robertson, SEMATECH; Sylvia Ledesma, People Organized in Defense of Earth and its Resources (PODER); Ralph Maly, Communications Workers of America; Hank Cole, Clean Water Action; Frank Squires, SEMATECH; Romie Manan, National Semiconductor; Mandy Hawes, Santa Clara Committee for Occupational Safety & Health; Susana Almanza, PODER/SNEEJ; Sanford Lewis, Good Neighbor Project; Dan Swinney, Federation for Industrial Retention and Renewal; Mike Guerrero, Southwest Network; Francisco Navarrette, TONATIERRA; and Ted Smith, Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition.

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Community Groups Press Industry for More Accountability

Using the EIGNC's "Call to Action," community groups across the Southwest and in California have sought greater corporate accountability from the semiconductor industry. Here is a brief update of what's been going on:

Austin, TX

PODER Seeks Community Advisory Boards

People Organized in Defense of Earth and its Resources (PODER) has begun a dialogue with a number of Austin semiconductor firms to establish local community advisory boards and win "Good Neighbor" agreements. PODER has built broad community support for their proposals that industry share more information and meet regularly with a community advisory board. PODER has approached AMD, Motorola and SEMATECH about the program. In a meeting with SEMATECH on April 6th, a representative from the research consortium agreed to study the idea and give PODER a response

by April 27th. PODER believes that SEMATECH should be a model for the rest of the industry in Austin.

Albuquerque, NM

SWOP Holds Interfaith Hearing on Impact of Toxics on Communities of Color

Workers who have suffered major adverse health effects from working in the electronics industry testified at a major interfaith hearing in Albuquerque on April 3, 1993. The hearing featured a special high tech industry panel where former employees from GTE-Lenkurt, Honeywell, Sandia Labs, Los Alamos Labs and Motorola spoke eloquently about the serious health problems they have experienced from working in these industries.

SWOP also held a press conference to raise community concerns about Intel's decision to locate their new semiconductor fab plant in Rio Rancho, NM. SWOP especially focused attention on the extent to which the state used extensive tax breaks and other industry give-aways to lure the semiconductor manufacturer to New Mexico.

New Mexico's package gave Intel \$114 million worth of incentives, \$57 million in property tax abatements, \$36 million in waived new equipment sales taxes, \$20 million in manufacturing tax credits, and \$1 million in job training funds. That amounts to \$1.14,000 in concessions for each job Intel has promised to create.

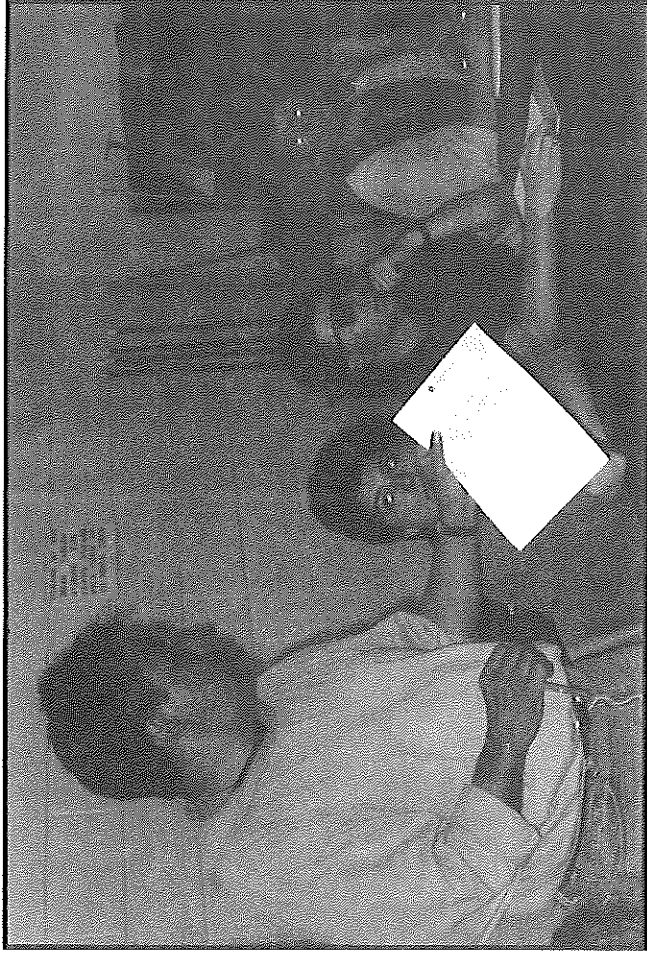
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Affiliates meet in Austin

Before the meeting with SEMATECH in Dallas, collaboration affiliates and several members of the CRT advisory board met in Austin, Texas to prepare for the meeting with SEMATECH and begin planning the second year of the Electronics Industry Good Neighbor Campaign.

The Austin planning sessions included an evening community meeting sponsored by PODER (see photo at right). Members of the collaboration's EIGNC gave detailed reports on the toxic legacy of the high tech industry, reproductive hazards, job security, health and safety, tax breaks and community economic development. (Also see page one story for summaries of community-based activities).



Proposals for SEMATECH

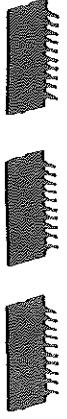
The campaign's proposals include:

- Conduct a "Product Life Cycle" analysis for semiconductors
- Establish a program for the substitution of all Glycol Ethers by 1994
- Research alternative production processes to eliminate other toxic hazards
- Establish a safe substitutes policy
- Achieve zero emissions by year 2000
- Create a model recycling program for semiconductor chips
- Community, Labor, & Environmental Representation on Board
- National Citizen's Advisory Council

Austin Community Forum Describes Problems Associated with Electronics Industry Development

Pictured above is Romie Monar, a 12 year veteran employee of National Semiconductor in Santa Clara, CA. Romie will lose his job this year when National relocates his work to a new production facility in Arlington, TX. Romie is showing a letter he received from another Silicon Valley electronics company, Solecron, advising him to use the temporary agency where they contract all new hires. Shown with Romie at the EIGNC presentation are Tere Amezcua and Francisco Naverette from Tonatierra; and Mandy Hawes and Leslie Byster from SVTC. Other panel presentations were also given by Susana Almanza and Sylvia Ledesma from PODER. The Austin community forum was held April 3rd at the Pan American Recreation Center.

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Community Briefs

Phoenix, AZ

Motorola is Focus of NAFTA Protest
The TONATIERRA Community Development Institute and visiting members of the Southwest Network, held an historic demonstration at Motorola's 52nd Street Plant in Phoenix to protest the company's practice of shipping hazardous gases and chemicals from its Phoenix facility to its plant in Guadalupe, Mexico. TONATIERRA is demanding that Motorola extend U.S. environmental and occupational safety and health protections to workers in the Mexican plant. TONATIERRA also requested that the Mexican government look into the record of on-the-job exposures to toxic chemicals in the Guadalupe plant.

TONATIERRA has also been actively pressing Motorola to step-up their efforts to clean up the 52nd street Superfund site in Phoenix.

San Jose, CA

SVTC Challenges Local Economic Development Plan

Like much of the California economy, Silicon Valley has lost many jobs and new manufacturing facilities to other parts of the country. Recently a number of major San Jose-area corporations launched "Joint Venture: Silicon Valley"—a well-financed effort to coalesce many elements of business community to work together for increased economic development. SVTC is playing a lead role with many community and environmental activists to challenge the assumptions of Joint Venture and suggest alternatives to its vision of economic development.

SVTC, which recently celebrated its tenth anniversary, is also playing a lead role in the "Campaign to End the Miscarriage of Justice."

Join the Campaign!

During the Summer of 1992, community organizations in Albuquerque, Austin, Phoenix and San Jose conducted a grassroots assessment of the impact of the semiconductor industry on their communities. The assessments confirmed widespread occupational safety and health and environmental problems. Serious concerns about employment discrimination and the uneven distribution of benefits from high tech industry development were also voiced by the community organizations. As a direct result of the community assessment process, CRT and SNEEJ undertook a collaborative effort—the Electronics Industry Good Neighbor Campaign.

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