

Feedback on the ongoing campaign against POMA, a subcontractor involved in the nuclear waste disposal project (CIGEO) in Bure.



Version 2 – January 2025

Calls for decentralised action, mapping and action reports, repression and solidarity with those charged with criminal conspiracy.

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Introduction to the second edition of the leaflet



In November 2020, in support of the fight in Bure, a call is launched to carry out decentralized actions against a key subcontractor of the nuclear waste landfill project : POMA. The call "Enfouissons-POMA" follows that of local associations in the Meuse and Haute Marne, "[POMA, disengage yourself!](#)"

As a reminder, POMA is the world leader in cable transport, whether in human transportation for mass tourism or in the transportation of materials in mines and cement plants worldwide. Following a call for tenders conducted in 2014, POMA is obtaining the contract for the construction of the prototype funicular that would be used to transport radioactive waste down the Cigéo : a 4.2-kilometre-long funicular that would carry the poisoned packages to a depth of 500 metres.

Since 2019, POMA has been located in Froncles, in Haute-Marne, 40km from Bure, in the former forges to renovate part of the building, in order to build its test bench on scale 1 for the funicular project. The first tests (braking tests) took place there from the beginning of 2021.

- **Call for decentralised actions against POMA (2020-...)**

The call for decentralised actions targets the premises, infrastructure or projects of the POMA company. From symbolic action to direct action, from pedagogy to bullying, it is through repetition and diversity that we will make them comply, so that POMA and its subsidiaries disengage from the CIGEO project.

Many actions were carried out between the end of 2020 and the end of 2024 (date of this article), against POMA: collages in Grenoble or Toulouse on cable cars carried by POMA, graffiti in a ski resort in the Vosges to the premises of POMA Isère, through the unbolting of POMA facilities in the Alps followed by a postal shipment of a bolt, a nut and a locknut to POMA, the Dauphiné Libéré and ANDRA.

The involvement of POMA in the CIGEO project has also been denounced through radio broadcasts, articles in autonomous and independent media, as well as during evenings of support for the anti-nuclear struggle. The bourgeois press also talked about the fight against POMA, following actions taken against the subcontractor ([graffiti in Gilly-sur-Isère](#), [unbolting in the Alps](#), [disruption of the inauguration of the Toulouse cable car](#), [picnic in Froncles](#),...).

- **Repression and "POMA criminal association" (2021-...)**

Following the actions taken against POMA, [an investigation for 'threat of damage'](#) was opened regarding the unbolting of an alpine pylon in September 2021, and [two comrades were arrested in March 2022](#) and placed under judicial supervision for 'threat', 'theft in a meeting and with damage' and "criminal association".

The accused are prohibited from meeting, visiting Bure and the POMA company sites. They were also placed under the status of assisted witnesses for "endangering the life of others". Interviewed on June 25, 2024 by the investigating judge, our comrades made the choice to remain silent, and immediately requested the partial lifting of their judicial control, namely the ban on making contact. The next step is the closure of the investigation with the charges of referral or not to a correctional trial.

While the State is relaunching the construction of new nuclear reactors for the coming decades (with a poisoned legacy of nearly 100,000 years of radioactivity for future generations), once again repression hits the anti-nuclear activists. These arrests are eminently political and show the will of the State to silence any protest against the nuclear industry. This new "criminal association", in a context of decentralised actions against a subcontractor of CIGEO, follows the wave of repression falling on the struggle of Bure in 2018-2019, and notably the criminal association of Bure (for which [an appeal to the Court of Cassation confirmed the acquittal of 3 opponents](#), last September¹). To this are added [the current constructions of gendarmeries around Bure](#) (Gondrecourt-le-Château and at the ANDRA laboratory) which only highlight the desire to repress those who oppose nuclear power in the years to come, and we can only reaffirm our solidarity with the anti-nuclear who fight from Bure or elsewhere against this deadly industry.

Following these arrests, several actions were carried out in solidarity with the accused, and are referred to in this article, although not directly aimed at a POMA installation.

¹ More informations on noussommestousdesmalfaiteurs.noblogs.org

- **News regarding the POMA funicular in Froncles**

At present, the Froncles hangar is reportedly empty, following the successful trials carried out by POMA in early 2023. ANDRA carried out tests on the braking systems (using the six clamps, the emergency brake and the buffer brake). The prototype was dismantled in spring/summer 2023 and since then the parts have been melted down and recycled.

- **Website enfouissons-poma.info (2020–2023)**

Since late 2023, the enfouissons-poma.info website has been offline. However, the site's archives can be viewed on web.archive.org (last updated: September 2023). Some articles have also been mirrored on bureburebure.info under the 'POMA' search tab or via the keyword 'POMA' and can be viewed online, pending the creation of a dedicated page on bureburebure.info

- **2nd edition of the leaflet against POMA**

In March 2022, we distributed a leaflet to expose the involvement of the company POMA in the CIGEO project, and to publicise the call for decentralised action against POMA, which had previously been circulating online at enfouissons-poma.info

Numerous actions have been carried out since then, and information regarding the crackdown has also added many pages and details. From May 2022, a printed supplement was available at anti-nuclear information kiosks, inserted into the original version, but a new update was needed.

For this second version, the action reports have been shortened and summarised for layout reasons. They can be read in full via the links at the top of each one. We have chosen not to mention the other projects championed by POMA, as was the case in the first version (critical text on the Téléo cable car in Toulouse, the campaign against the cable metro in

Grenoble – which has since been cancelled, etc.). We invite those curious about these topics to consult the archives of this leaflet or the relevant texts online.

This leaflet is not an archive document, but rather a tool for the struggle : the call for action against POMA is still ongoing! Today, POMA has still not withdrawn from the nuclear waste repository project in Bure, and it is more necessary than ever to keep

up the pressure on this major subcontractor², in the current context of the nuclear power revival, in which CIGEO plays a strategic role. Finally, the investigation into the ‘criminal conspiracy’ involving the comrades accused of dismantling a POMA pylon in the Alps is still ongoing, and a trial may well take place in the coming months...

LET’S BURY POMA !

² A list of other subcontractors involved in the CIGEO project is also available on lesmonstresdecigeo.noblogs.org (document dating from 2018)

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POMA and CIGEO

Cigéo : The Largest Industrial Project of the Century Useless and Imposed

[published on November 21, 2020 on Enfouissons-POMA.info]



Bure, a few dozen inhabitants, fields, cows and its deep geological layer research laboratory.

It is in this small village on the edge of the Meuse and Haute-Marne that ANDRA (the national agency for radioactive waste management) has been established since the early 2000s to study in its "lab" the possibilities to bury the most dangerous wastes there, toxic and radioactive produced by the nuclear industry.

Since then, this research laboratory has gradually transformed into an industrial project, into a morbid challenge at the heart of the earth, for a generation of 2.0 engineers well sheltered in their offices: the Cigéo project.

This titanic, mega-city and highly risky project is imposed by the state and ANDRA on the population. It is now in the design phase and its administrative authorization process is underway. If there is no radioactive waste in Bure yet and the project is not yet authorized, the place could become in the coming years the bin of the nuclear industry and become a real nuclear time bomb.

Cigéo in brief it is :

Hold on, it's creepy!

- a project to store the worst nuclear waste **500 m underground**
- for a minimal cost of **36 billion euros**
- **85,000 m³** of radioactive waste
- **99.9% of the total radioactivity** from French nuclear waste (but only 3% of their volume)
- a construction site lasting **130 years** (and a polluting installation, at high risk for eternity...)
- **dozens of radioactive transports per year** for 100 years
- a vast railway terminal to receive the waste
- a descent of about 4 km inclined at 12% to transport them to the basement
- 300 km of galleries to store waste
- an area of ventilation wells spitting out radioactive gases
- a whole bunch of related and associated projects: new railways, electrical lines and substations, road works and modification of bridges, level crossings and other structures...
- nearly 2,600 hectares of forests and agricultural land seized and condemned
- 5 villages with terms crossed off the map : Bure, Saudron, Mandres, Cierfontaines and Bonnet

An imminent project but not yet authorized

Since 2012, ANDRA has officially launched the Cigéo project at the industrial level. Since 2013, in the middle of a public debate, it has been launching calls for tenders and concluding contracts to entrust various large companies and consortia with the design and engineering of the different subsystems envisaged. On the technical level, the project is so insane that everything was at the time to be imagined: containers to store waste, technologies to bring it down and "tidy up", machines to dig the galleries, ventilation and piping system to evacuate radioactive waste into the air and water, site supply with water...

A huge project on the program

If the project is authorized, the work of Cigéo would be titanic and five villages could be erased from the map. In addition to underground and surface installations, there are numerous projects: modifications and construction of roads and structures, connection to the railway networks, water, gas and electricity.

Planned over 130 years, the construction site would generate pharaonic construction work on dozens of hectares, divided into several sites on the surface and digging galleries underground, the passage of 210 trucks per day, not counting the construction machinery.

With the consequences of massive destruction of the natural environment and the environment, land grabbing, a significant impact on the living environment, the landscape, water resources and biodiversity, noise pollution and dust emissions, with disregard for the health and safety of the population.

The jack-pot for the biggest industrialists

Eiffage, Airbus, LMC Lavallin, Derichebourg, Bouygues, RTE, Poma, Ingérop, Vinci and its subsidiaries, the SNCF and others (non-exhaustive list), all these companies, including the reputation of capitalists who generate billions of euros by exploiting workers across the world is no longer to be done, are involved in this project and will receive their share of the cake!

A high-risk project

Radioactive gas cocktails discharged to the surface, contamination of soils and waterways, risks of tunnel collapse, leaks, explosions and fires, exposure of workers, dangerous transport by trains and trucks, this project combines all the conditions to generate an industrial disaster for the health of the population, the territory of eastern France and the environment.

A poisoned legacy to future generations

The waste intended to be buried underground will remain for some radioactive and dangerous for thousands if not millions of years. A temporality that exceeds understanding, unthinkable and unthought-of on the scale of human life. For a few decades of "electrical comfort" the human species bequeath to future generations its worst toxic waste for eternity.

A project imposed by force

For 20 years, the State and the nuclear industry have been buying consciences by watering the territory with subsidies, facilities and support of all kinds, through a GIP (Public Interest Group). Today, no less than 60 million euros for each of the two

departments concerned are distributed each year. In total more than one billion euros will have been paid in 25 years, unprecedented for a project not even yet authorized.

Those who oppose it are monitored and the movement is increasingly heavily repressed. Even the League for Human Rights, which is not accustomed to taking an interest in nuclear energy or adopting radical positions, published a report on it in June 2019 that concludes that « the public authorities engage in harassment against opponents of the landfill site in Bure, intended to criminalize their position and their protest and which has the effect of infringing on individual freedoms »³.

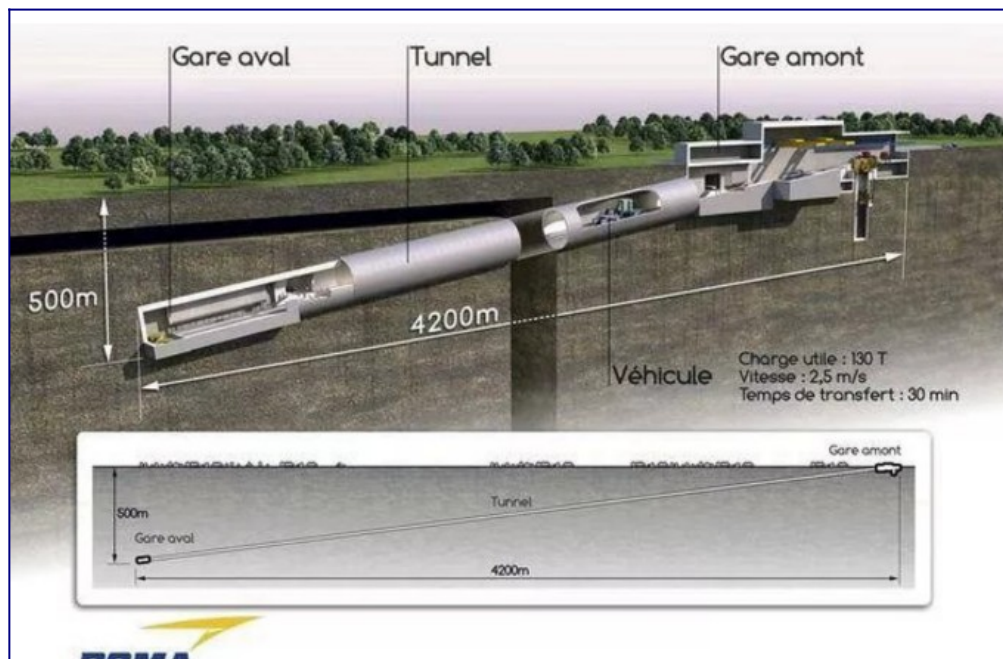
While the State and ANDRA launched in the summer of 2020 the administrative instruction and authorization procedure for Cigéo, that a public inquiry is to take place in spring 2021 and that expropriations and preparatory work could start a few months later, it becomes urgent that everywhere the resistance be organized and decentralized actions emerge to prevent elsewhere and concretely the progress of the project.

WE'RE NOT FOOLED ! WE DON'T AGREE ! CIGEO IS GOING TO GET BURIED !

³ ldh-france.org/rapport-sur-les-evenements-survenus-a-bure-et-sur-leur-traitement-judiciaire/

The funicular project for CIGEO

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To transport radioactive waste packages from the surface to the underground storage facility at a depth of 500 meters, ANDRA plans to dig a 12 km long drop-off.

In 2014, it was the Poma group that won the contract and signed with Andra a contract of 68 million euros, for a duration of 15 years, to carry out preliminary studies, build a first-scale demonstrator, supply the site and construct the funicular.

The demonstrator was originally supposed to be built in the POMA workshops in Rhône-Alpes, but ANDRA requested that the test bench be rather carried out in Meuse or Haute Marne. The additional cost that this operation represented for POMA was quickly forgotten, no doubt thanks to the generous "support" of the GIP (public interest group). According to the report of the Board of Directors of the GIP of Haute Marne of March 12, 2018, it is 973,292 € that are allocated to the demonstrator project of the company POMA⁴.

In 2019, POMA moves to Froncles in Haute Marne and starts the rehabilitation of an old vacant building in order to build its test bench on scale 1 for the funicular project⁵.

The company plans to start its trials in early 2021. These tests will focus in particular on braking systems ('emergency brake', 'final emergency brake', 'end-of-lane

4 https://gip-haute-marne.fr/docs/20180312_AG_PV_et_DELIBERATIONS.PDF

5 <https://meusehautemarne.andra.fr/installation-dun-banc-dessai-du-funiculaire-prevu-dans-cigeo-froncles>

dampers'). On its 100-meter long ramp, POMA wishes to demonstrate the technical feasibility of its descenderie system.

But what do they want to demonstrate? As immense as this "model" may be, it has little to do with the excessiveness of the real descenderie project. As a reminder, it would be a tunnel 4.2 km long, inclined at 12%, in which some kinds of 80-ton wagons would circulate, taking highly radioactive waste 500 meters underground.

To carry out this aberrant mission, POMA will be accompanied by three other companies: Airbus Defense and Space, Millenium and Ligeron (apparently specialists in "nuclear risk control" and "operational safety")⁶.

Learn more about POMAtomic

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POMA, in short it's

- a company created about 70 years ago with the status of simplified joint-stock company
- whose headquarters is located in Voreppe next to Grenoble (38) and who has had Jean Souchal as president since 2010
- specialized in the manufacturing sector of lifting equipment, cable transport and handling
- 1500 «collaborators» in the world
- who likes to present itself as a family business offering solutions that "respond to environmental challenges by limiting the impact on the ecosystem in which they are part"

6 <https://www.lessor38.fr/entreprises-l-andra-retient-poma-pour-le-projet-cig-o-7517.html>

- but who made his fortune by surfing on the development of tourism in the mountains and by building ski lifts everywhere
- a turnover of 450M€ in 2018
- dozens of subsidiaries in France and abroad
- 19 Trademarks registered and in force

An international group with numerous subsidiaries

POMA and its subsidiaries in France

- **POMA headquarters in Voreppe**

109 rue Aristide Berge

The French subsidiaries are located in the Rhône-Alpes basin, cradle of the Group's origins :

- The site of Gilly-sur-Isère, with COMAG and SACMI

COMAG, carries out the installation and maintenance work for cable transport devices.

SACMI, in Gilly-sur-Isère, manufactures the ski lift elements (welding machine) and pre-assembles the subsets of ski lift equipment.

- SEMER, in Passy, specializes in the engineering and production of electrical equipment and industrial automation.
- SIGMA, in Veyrins, designs and manufactures cabs for cable transport

The subsidiaries abroad

LEITNER POMA of America is responsible for the North American market and Oceania. POMA Beijing is responsible for the Chinese market. POMA Colombia is in charge of Latin America (excluding Brazil). POMA Brasil is in charge of the Brazilian market. POMA Russia is in charge of the Russian market and the CIS area. BACO is in charge of the Swiss market POMA Korea is in charge of the Korean market.

An industrial heavyweight with global presence that no longer has anything of the local and family company

The company has built and manages more than a thousand facilities in ski resorts in the Alps and 8000 installations in 90 countries. After having made a fortune by

industrialising the French mountains, it has in recent years accentuated its development abroad and now achieves nearly 80% of its sales and turnover from exports. Across the Rhine, it is not strictly speaking a subsidiary of POMA that has taken over the cable transport markets but its counterpart Leitner which is part of the same industrial group. A very chosen target for our German wrestling companions to put pressure on our side and get the project abandoned.

POMA has indeed been owned since 31 May 2000 by the Italian manufacturer Newsletters, through HTI BV, bringing together in particular the Poma group and the Leitner group, thus forming one of the largest world leaders in cable transport. Well away from the local and family business, Poma is therefore controlled by a foreign holding company which is its sole shareholder.

A megalomaniac company has a thousand places to be green

If POMA does not sell itself on its website about its involvement in Cigéo, it focuses a lot of its public communication on its supposedly eco-friendly side.

Selected tracks :

- *"Sustainable Development is part of POMA's DNA. Its solutions meet environmental challenges by limiting the impact on the ecosystem in which they are part"*

Well, come on! Even if this is not the place to engage in critical reflection on tourism, we cannot help but choke when we know the impact of tourist activities and skiing on the fragile ecosystem of the mountains.

- *"In the most optimal respect for the environment, Zlatibor, alongside POMA, has committed to particularly respecting the local environment during the design and construction of the gondola. The municipality of Čajetina is working to become by 2020 the first municipality in Serbia to achieve European ecological standards"*

In his news, Poma likes to affirm his "ecological approach" in urban transport. A good example of greenwashing to make people forget the reality of their activities.

Whether it is in the transport of humans for mass tourism or the transport of materials in mines and cement plants around the world, POMA is passionate about outsized projects and technological innovations and participates all over the world in huge polluting and destructive environmental projects, imposed on local communities often opposed to this so-called development through progress.

Call for actions - POMA will get buried !

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To solve its problem of an overflow of radioactive waste, which it is only knowing that it is doing⁷, the French nuclear state has decided – through its national agency in charge of their pseudo-"management", ANDRA – to bury its most dangerous waste 500 meters underground. Burying is presented as THE solution to the waste problem, even though it only aims at renewing the French nuclear stock⁸, and at exporting this model on the global market for pseudo-management of nuclear waste.

ANDRA is working today on the technical implementation of this pharaonic and highly risky project, the Cigéo project. For this, it partners with the worst engineering companies, aeronautics or construction, to try to invent miraculous technological innovations that would solve its problems.

This is the case for one of the key pieces of the project: the "descenderie". How to bring down highly radioactive packages 500m underground, from a gigantic tunnel inclined more than 5 km? In an attempt to answer this thorny question, **ANDRA has entered into a contract with a still unknown company in the field of nuclear business : POMA⁹.** Better known in the Alps and in Rhône-Alpes, POMA likes to present itself as a small family business, local, which would have allowed the greatest number of people to access the mountain thanks to its ski lifts. The reality is different : **POMA is a global cable transport giant** that generates almost 80% of its

⁷ <https://reporterre.net/Dechets-nucleaires-les-piscines-de-La-Hague-vont-deborder>

⁸ [https://reporterre.net/En-coulisses-l-Etat-prepare-le-financement-de-six-nouveaux-reacteurs-EPR?](https://reporterre.net/En-coulisses-l-Etat-prepare-le-financement-de-six-nouveaux-reacteurs-EPR?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nl_quotidienne)

[utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nl_quotidienne](http://www.poma.net/)

⁹ <http://www.poma.net/>

sales through exports. Whether in the transport of humans for mass tourism or the transport of materials in mines and cement plants around the world, **POMA is passionate about oversized projects and technological innovations.** It has been owned since May 2000 by the Italian industrialist Michael Brent, through a Dutch holding company HTI BV which is its sole shareholder.

After disfiguring the mountains, POMA wants to poison the basement. And all means are "good" to achieve it. At the request of ANDRA, **POMA settled in Froncles, in Haute-Marne, 40 km from Bure to build a "model" on a scale of 1:1 for its descent project.** He is the demonstrator. **This model and the braking tests, in particular, that will be carried out there are crucial, because through them POMA wishes to demonstrate the technical feasibility of its scientific aberration.** But **if the feasibility of this technology on an industrial scale is not demonstrated, the descenderie project - which is one of the cornerstones of the CIGEO project - cannot be carried out!**

His megalomania and passion for technological challenges have led POMA into the nuclear business. Let's make it clear to him that his collaboration with the nuclear activist delusion will not remain without consequences. **POMA and its subsidiaries must immediately disengage from the CIGEO project. As long as they have not announced their withdrawal, we will not let them go!**

This is a call for decentralized and determined actions of all types against the premises, infrastructures or projects of the company POMA. Let's never give him a break, let's attack everywhere, all the time. From symbolic action to direct action, from pedagogy to bullying, it is through repetition and diversity that we will make them fold.

Let's bury POMA !

Press release : Cigéo project in Bure - POMA, disengage yourself!

[published on november 25, 2020 on CEDRA52¹⁰]



The company POMA is used to send ski enthusiasts to the top of mountains. In Bure, she aims to participate in the descent into hell of radioactive waste.

It is in a former industrial hangar in Froncles, a small town in the heart of Haute-Marne, that the company POMA builds a prototype of the funicular that would be used to bring down radioactive waste into the Cigéo: a funicular railway 4.2 kilometers long that would take the poisoned packages to a depth of 500 meters.

This contract, the company POMA obtained it in 2014, during calls for tenders conducted by ANDRA for storage engineering (in the midst of public debate, let us remember). It should have carried out this test bench in Isère, but ANDRA was able to find the words for the construction to be done in the Bure sector. The 900,000 euros offered by the GIP of Haute-Marne to promote this establishment are of course not for nothing.

We see in this funicular a priority issue, in its own right, in the fight to be waged against the Cigéo project. In addition to the important symbolic charge it constitutes, it is a key piece for Andra, essential for filing its application for authorization of creation (DAC). One of the cornerstones of the proof of concept. No funicular, no Cigéo.

Company well established in the French landscape, POMA specializes in the manufacture of lifting and handling equipment, its name is not unknown in many regions of France. In the Alps, where it has installed and maintains more than a thousand ski lifts in winter sports resorts but also in urban areas. It has some

¹⁰ cedra52.jimdofree.com/2020/11/25/communiqué-projet-cigéo-à-bure-poma-désengage-toi/

notorious installations to its credit, notably in funiculars like the one in Montmartre. Flourishing and world champion of cable transport, it has already built more than 8000 installations in 91 countries. Asia has just opened its doors to it: even in the midst of an economic crisis, it is doing well, as reported in this article by the newspaper Le Point where it is described as a "French gem".

But wouldn't the "nugget" be in full compromise by linking her name to a technologically and politically controversial project? While the company holds its brand image, why take the risk of significantly damaging it by associating it with nuclear waste? Why would this diversification of activities fear the snowmelt and global warming to revert to the slums of the French nuclear industry?

We are launching a broad call for action: act wherever possible to let it be known that POMA is NUCLEAR, that POMA wants to BURY nuclear waste.

Question the company that takes responsibility for Cigéo on social networks, by phone, live. Visible everywhere where POMA is located, its commitment and collaboration in the burial of radioactive waste in Bure by building this funicular!

Signatories :

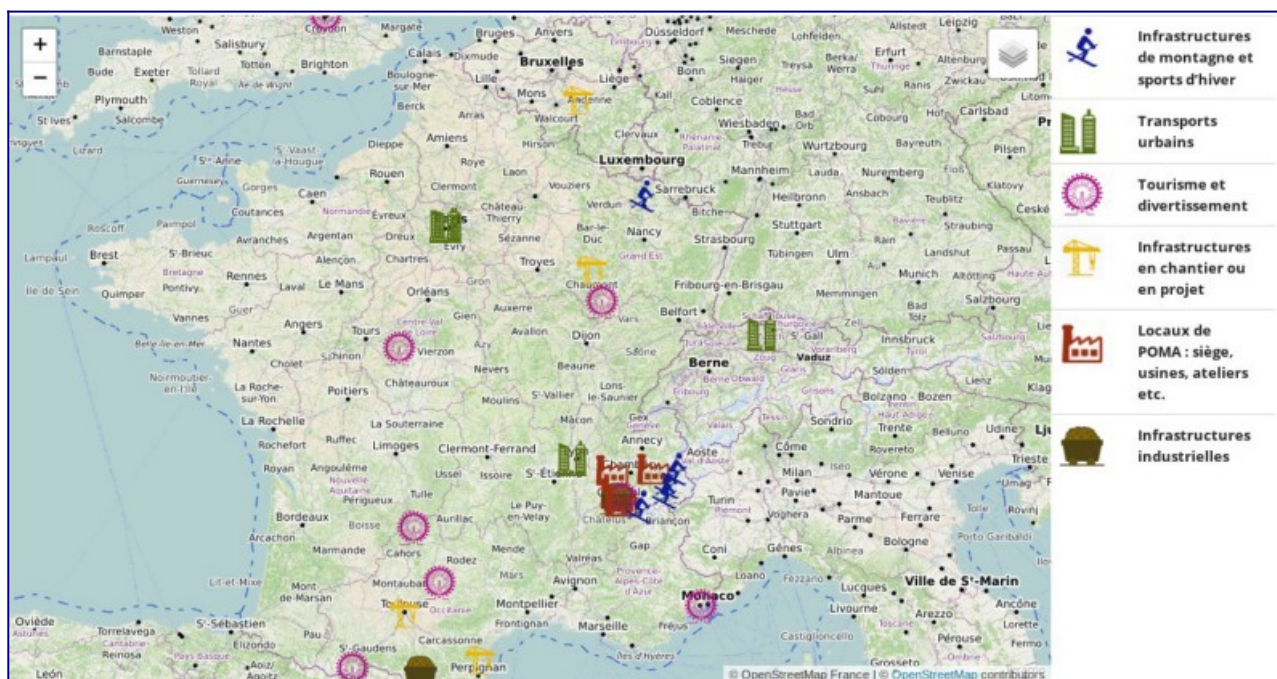
Coordination Stop Cigéo (Association pour la sensibilisation de l'opinion sur les dangers de l'enfouissement des déchets radioactifs – ASODEDRA, Bure stop 55, Bure zone libre – BZL, Collectif d'action contre l'enfouissement des déchets radioactifs – CACENDR, Collectif contre l'enfouissement des déchets radioactifs – CEDRA, Elus opposés à l'enfouissement des déchets radioactifs – EODRA, Meuse Nature Environnement – MNE)

Amis de la Terre en Haute-Savoie, Collectif halte au nucléaire Gard (Chang-collectif Adn), France Nature Environnement Isère, Rhône-Alpes sans nucléaire, Sortir du nucléaire Bugey, Sortir du nucléaire Isère, Stop nucléaire 26-07 (Collectif Adn)

Arrêt du Nucléaire, Réseau Sortir du Nucléaire

Mapping of POMA : its infrastructure, premises, projects

[Enfouissons-POMA < Toolkit]



A teeming playground, conducive to the most diverse and varied actions in order to tire POMA, tarnish its reputation and make it understood that it will not escape unscathed if it does not immediately end its collaboration with the nucleocrats.

Send us your ideas, your stories, your action photos. But also places to add to the map, because there are many missing! To give you an idea, at the bottom of this page you will find the list of hundreds of lifts built by POMA in the mountains :

remontees-mecaniques.net/bdd/liste-6-2-poma.html

If POMA stubbornly insists on burying the evidence of the nuclear disaster... let's bury POMA.

Communiqués of actions against POMA (2020-2024)

November 2020 : [Gilly-sur-Isère] Night visit at POMA in support of Bure

[published on december 5, 2020 on Rebellyon.info]

On the night of Sunday, November 29 to Monday, November 30, 2020, some friends went to greet the company POMA in Gilly sur Isère. Equipped with a few trifles of drawer bottoms and a modest banner, they went to decorate the facade of one of the company's factories and tried to seal its gate.



January 2021 : [Vosges] Graffiti on three POMA ski lifts of the Bresse-Hohneck ski slopes

[published on february 14, 2021 on Enfouissons-POMA.info]

In mid-January, a few friends went to write slogans on three of the ski lifts at the La Bresse-Hohneck resort, in the Vosges.



May 2021 : [Grenoble] Posters contre POMA

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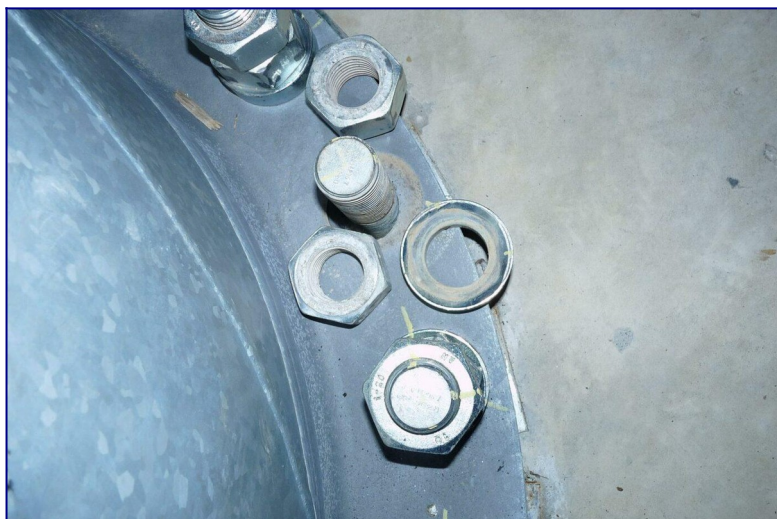
Some of Rhonalpie's Bombes atomiques created posters and stuck them in several places in Grenoble, against Poma and against the burial of nuclear waste!



September 2021 : [Alpes] Nightly unbolting of Poma installations

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Owls from here or elsewhere rushed into the dark night. They followed in the footsteps of the fox and the roe deer, smelled the autumn air that is coming in, leaped under the stars in the alpine mountains and swooped down on the facilities of the company Poma to avenge its commitment to the CIGEO project for the burial of nuclear waste! They have chosen to target Poma cable car lines in the Alpine resorts.



January 2022 : [Toulouse] Action posters and graffiti against POMA in Toulouse

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In Toulouse, where the Téléo cable car should be inaugurated at the end of April 2022*, a collage/painting action was carried out at the level of the Univ. Paul Sabatier judgment to denounce the involvement of the company POMA in the nuclear waste landfill project in Bure (Cigéo).

*call for actions against Téléo in Toulouse, the cable car built by POMA : iaata.info/De-Toulouse-a-Bure-POMA-Teleo-et-le-nucleaire-4998.html



March 2022 : [Grenoble] Tags then car windows of POMA stolen in shattered

[published on march 22, 2022 on Lille.indymedia.org]

A car belonging to the company POMA was parked on Joliot-Curie Boulevard in Fontaine, in the Grenoble area. After the white pick up was tagged "nik le nuk", one of the windows shattered.



May 2022 : [Toulouse] Inauguration of the cable car Téléo disrupted

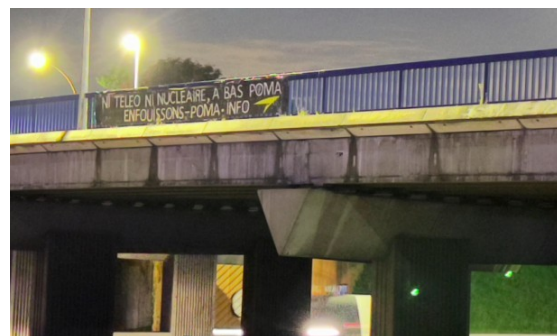
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The days before the inauguration of the Toulouse cable car (built by POMA), various actions took place to denounce POMA's involvement in the nuclear waste disposal project in Bure :

- Several days of anti-nuclear tractions
- Banner on the peripheral "Neither Teleo nor nuclear, at low POMA. Enfouissons-poma.info"
- Stickers 'POMA complice du nucléaire. Enfouissons-poma.info' stuck in the streets of Toulouse
- Hacking of Téléo's official communication in the metro and buses

The day of the inauguration of Téléo : leaflets were distributed at the Paul Sabatier metro stop, up to the Prefect's car in person!

At the beginning of the ceremony on the official stage of Téléo, the soldiers leap and chant : "POMA, POMA : complice of nuclear power!" ; "POMA casse toi, à Bure pas d'ordures", which seems to shorten the official speeches.



November 2024 : [Grenoble] Antinuk posters on the POMA cable car

[published on november 8, 2024 on Cric-Grenoble.info]

In early November, various anti-nuclear posters are hung at the entrance of the urban cable car in Grenoble. They are directed against the cable car manufacturer POMA and its participation in the CIGEO project in Bure, as well as against nuclear energy in general. Posters in memory of Sébastien Briat, killed during a nuclear waste train blockade in 2004, are also displayed.



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Repression : on the ‘POMA case’ (2021–...)

POMA – Investigation into « threats of vandalism »

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We learnt from the Grenoble public prosecutor’s Twitter account that an investigation had been launched following the claim of responsibility for the toppling of the Poma pylons. The article as a whole does not tell us much more, but we wanted to pass this on to you :

Article taken from France TV Info : france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/auvergne-rhone-alpes/un-collectif-anarchiste-revendique-le-deboulonnage-de-pylones-poma-dans-les-alpes-2249842.html

An anarchist collective has claimed responsibility for the toppling of Poma pylons in the Alps

Published on 14/09/2021 at 4.57 pm

Although the allegations have not been substantiated, the Grenoble Public Prosecutor’s Office has nevertheless stated that an investigation has been opened into ‘threats of damage’. POMA has been targeted because it is due to build a prototype funicular railway for the future nuclear waste repository at Bure in the Meuse department.

As is often the case, the message was posted on a website with links to the libertarian far-left. “A few days ago, we raided facilities belonging to the company POMA to avenge its involvement in the Cigéo nuclear waste disposal project. We chose to target POMA’s cable car lines in ski resorts in the Alps,” reads a statement published on Sunday 12 September 2021.

Although it declined to comment on the report, POMA's management nevertheless confirmed that an investigation was indeed underway, as did the Public Prosecutor of Grenoble, who, without going into detail, stated that the investigation concerned "threats of damage".

No facts have yet been established, but for its part, the Alpe d'Huez Tourism Development Company (SATA) confirms that instructions for increased surveillance have been issued because, indeed, "recurring threats have been made against POMA over the past few months".

What anti-nuclear campaigners criticise POMA for

POMA, which specialises in the manufacture of cable transport systems, signed a contract with the National Agency for Radioactive Waste Management (ANDRA) in 2014. The Isère-based company is to build a prototype of the funicular railway that would be used to transport radioactive waste 500 metres underground at the future Bure waste repository in the Meuse department.

"Without this funicular, there will be no Cigéo," claim environmental groups, which, in recent months, have therefore urged their activists to challenge the company via social media, by telephone or in person. The message got through, as last November, POMA's Savoyard site in Gilly-sur-Isère was targeted and vandalised with graffiti. "We have the right to disagree and to express ourselves democratically, but this is not the case here and it is not acceptable," said Jean Souchal, CEO of POMA, in a reaction on France Bleu at the time.

These incidents are taking place just as the public inquiry into the proposed nuclear waste disposal project gets underway in Bure and as the verdict in the trial of anti-nuclear activists is due to be handed down within the next few days. Last June, seven opponents of Cigéo were tried at the court in Bar-le-Duc on charges of "criminal conspiracy" and "unlawful assembly". The case centred on a demonstration in August 2017 which had led to clashes with the police and the burning of certain facilities on the site.

The Cigéo underground nuclear waste storage project in Bure, which has long been the subject of controversy, received a favourable opinion from the General Secretariat for Investment in early 2021. The public inquiry preceding the application for a declaration of public utility (DUP) and the application for a consent to proceed (DAC) is now due to take place from 15 September to 23 October.

(Further articles, for example here : placegrenet.fr/2021/11/15/poma-menacee-de-sabotage-pour-son-engagement-dans-le-projet-denfouissement-de-dechets-radioactifs-de-bure/550878)

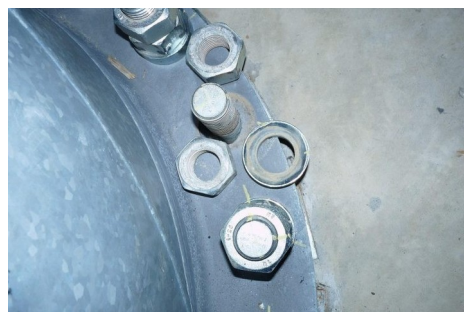
Savoie : Two people charged with ‘criminal conspiracy’

[Published on France Info / Thursday 24 March 2022]

Two men were arrested on Tuesday 22 March in Savoie as part of the investigation into acts of vandalism targeting the company Poma in the Alps. This action had been announced and claimed on 9 September on a website linked to the libertarian far-left.

The perpetrators had remained vague about the locations where this alleged vandalism had taken place, stating that they had targeted “Poma’s cable car lines in Alpine resorts”. They claimed to have sabotaged pylons “to avenge (Poma’s, ed.) involvement in the Cigéo project for the disposal of nuclear waste” in Bure, in the Meuse department.

The Grenoble Public Prosecutor’s Office subsequently launched an investigation into “threats of damage”. These investigations led to the arrest of two men aged 29 and 51. They are “suspected of having removed a nut from a pylon supporting a 10-person cable car in Arêches-Beaufort”, said the Grenoble public prosecutor, Eric Vaillant, on Thursday 24 March, confirming a report in the *Dauphiné Libéré*. The removal of this bolt “did not jeopardise the safety of the installation in the short term”, the magistrate stated in a press release.



In September 2021, a few days after responsibility for this act was claimed on a website, the « *Dauphiné Libéré* » received a letter « claiming responsibility for several acts of vandalism and threatening to target the infrastructure of ski resorts in the Alps set up by the Poma company ».

This letter was accompanied by a nut. Similar letters were subsequently sent to the Poma company in Voreppe (Isère) and to the National Agency for Radioactive Waste

Management (ANDRA) in Bure. “One was accompanied by a washer and the other by a lock nut,” explains Mr Vaillant, adding that “the investigators have not identified any other instances of bolts being removed. ”

Poma, a specialist in the manufacture of cable transport systems, signed a contract with ANDRA in 2014. The Isère-based company is to build a prototype of the funicular that would be used to lower radioactive waste 500 metres underground at the future Bure waste disposal site. This is what the perpetrators who claimed responsibility for this vandalism are protesting against.

Anti-Rep information published on BureBureBure.info

- **The Poma case at a standstill (source : Update on ongoing court cases (published on 25/05/2023))**

The two people indicted for more than a year in the Poma case (dismantling of a pylon in the Alps) have still not been heard by their investigating judge in Grenoble. They have obtained the release of the bimonthly check-in obligation as part of their judicial review but are still prohibited from contacting and going to Bure. Support to them !

- **More recent information (source : Anti-Rep report as of July 06, 2024 + call for donations (published on 07/07/2024))**

The two comrades are still forbidden to see each other and to go to Bure, and this has been the case for 27 months! Auditioned on June 25, 2024 by the investigating judge, our comrades made the choice to remain silent, and immediately asked for the partial lifting of their judicial control, namely the right to contact. The next step is the closure of the investigation with the charges of referral or not to a correctional trial.

Event of support and actions in solidarity with the accused (2022-2024)

March 2022 : [Toulouse] Banner against POMA, nuclear & repression! Solidarity!

[published on march 27, 2022 on iaata.info]

A few days ago, two people were arrested in Savoie, accused of participating in the dismantling of an infrastructure in the Alps supported by POMA

They were indicted and placed under judicial supervision for 'threat', 'theft in a meeting and with damage' and 'criminal association'. They are prohibited from meeting, visiting Bure and the sites of the company Poma. They were also placed under the status of assisted witnesses for 'endangering the life of others'.

[...] With this banner 'against POMA, the nuk and repression', and since the anti-nuclear week organized in Toulouse, we affirm our solidarity with the accused people!



March 2022 : [Toulouse] Action against the offices of ARCADIS, subcontractor of CIGEO, in solidarity with the 2 accused in the "POMA" case

[published on april 2, 2022 on iaata.info]

On the night of March 30 to 31, "No to CIGEO" was tagged and the windows of the company Arcadis in Toulouse were starred to highlight its role in the nuclear industry. (Arcadis is, among other things, involved in the realization of the plans for the underground galleries and the plans for the CIGEO funicular, a nuclear waste burial project in Bure).

In solidarity with the 2 accused in the «POMA» case and with Libre Flot from the 8/12 case.



May 2022 : [Froncles, Hte-Marne] Picnic in support of the two accused, suspected of having unraveled a POMA installation in the Alps

[published on may 8, 2022 on BureBureBure.info]

About twenty people picnicked in front of the forges company of Froncles (52), 40 km from Bure, where POMA, world leader in cable transport, builds and tests the full-scale prototype of the funicular designed to carry radioactive waste 500 meters underground. This picnuk was in support of the two people indicted last March, suspected of having unbolted a POMA installation in the Alps, following a call for decentralised actions against POMA and against its involvement in the CIGEO project.

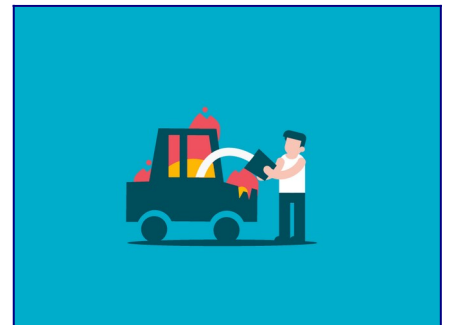


September 2022 : [Commercy] Fire in the private vehicle of the owner of Archilor, gendarmerie builder for CIGEO

[published on september 25, 2022 on Lille.indymedia.org]

The Mirabelles de Lorraine claim political responsibility for the incendiary attack targeting the private vehicle of the owner of the company ARCHILOR Michaëll Barrois in Commercy, in charge of the construction of new gendarmerie buildings at the ANDRA laboratory (Bure).

Through this action, flamboyant greetings were sent to the indicted in the POMA procedure, whether they are «guilty» or «innocent».



October 2022 : [Grenoble] Call for support before the court on 18/10

[published on october 10, 2022 on Cric-Grenoble.info]

On October 18 at 1:30 PM, a comrade went to trial in the court of Grenoble for refusal to take fingerprints and DNA. This case is part of a broader investigation, among others for "criminal association", in which companions are accused of actions against POMA, a major subcontractor of the nuclear waste disposal project at Bure, based in Voreppe.

Call for a rally from 12:30 to leave no one alone facing justice, and to challenge the growing criminalization of struggles, notably through this repressive tool that is "the association of wrongdoers".

October 2022 : [Grenoble] Workshop and concert in support of the accused of the criminal association POMA

[published on octobre 14, 2022 on Cric-Grenoble.info]



February 2023 : [Lille] Burning of a Groupama car in solidarity with the defendants of the criminal association POMA

[published on march 3, 2023 on sansnom.noblogs.org]

Some anarchists set fire to a car of Groupama, rue des frères Vaillant in Lille. Groupama was, among other things, a civil party in the lawsuit against the association of wrongdoers.ices of Bure.

In solidarity with the anarchist companion locked up in Villepinte, accused of burning diplomatic vehicles and large companies; in solidarity with the defendants of the association of malefactors of Bure and in solidarity with the defendants of the association of malefactor POMA



March 2024 : [Vequeville, Haute-Marne] Power outage for a subcontractor of CIGEO, in solidarity with the two people from Isère accused of sabotage in the "POMA procedure"

[published on march 11, 2024 on Lille.indymedia.org]

The Informal Pirate Action Group for Couler le Ferry has short-circuited three of the four main lines that feed the site of Ferry Capitain, who recently signed a partnership with ANDRA for the design of a demonstrator to test the docking systems between the medium-level waste transport hood and the storage area in Bure.

The group dedicates this action to the people who are fighting on the ground in Bure against the CIGÉO project, to the population of the south of the Meuse and Haute-Marne affected by the expropriations of ANDRA, as well as to the two people from Isère still accused of sabotage in the "POMA procedure".



November 2024 : [Toulouse] Anti-nuclear tags including one in support of the accused of the criminal association POMA

[published on november 8, 2024 on iaata.info]

Slogans with an anti-nuclear connotation are posted in different places of the city. Among them, messages of solidarity with the accused of the criminal association POMA.



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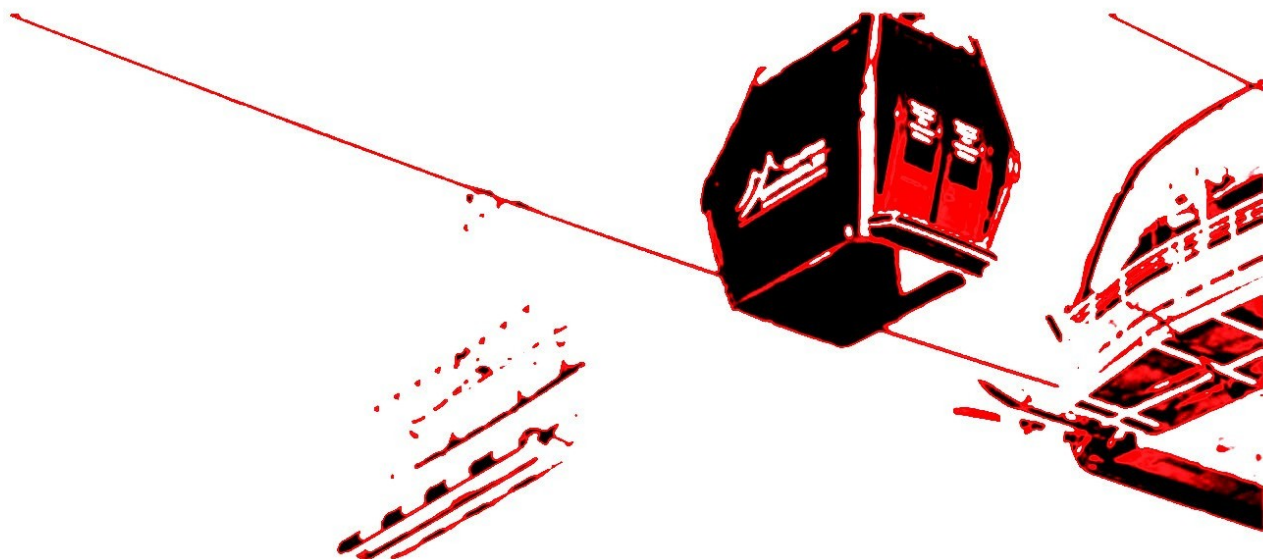
More information, tips and other things

Websites

- ~~enfouissons-poma.info~~ – no longer active (but can be viewed via web.archive.org)
- bureburebure.info – website campaigning against the CIGEO project (in Bure) and everything associated with it :
- lesmonstresdecigeo.noblogs.org – campaign of decentralised actions against CIGEO's subcontractors, primarily INGEROP (website dating from 2018)

Brochures

- [How we struggle in Bure](#) (july 2026)
- [Story and context of the struggle in Bure](#) – geography of a nuclearized territory (with a map of the area around the lab) and chronology of the struggles (from 1987 to current issues of the DUP) (summer 2021)
- [Opposing the works on Cigéo](#), inspirational guide to answer the question “what to do ?” (novembre 2021)
- [Nuclear wastes : but you, what do you suggest ?](#) (august 2016) Nuclear or lignite : Fragments of the struggle against this world's juice, from the Bois Lejuc to the Hambach Forst...
- ... and other anti-nuclear leaflets at bureburebure.info !



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