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To all communities in Iraq:

A number of new Power Plants are being set up on the Mexican side of the U.S.-Mexico border, for the sole reason of supplying energy to California. This is the first time in history that energy produced in Mexico will be exported solely into the United States. The reason for this, no doubt, is to circumvent strict environmental requirements in the U.S. Among these new power plants the La Rosita Intergen plant located in Mexicali, Baja California is partly owned by Bechtel.

This Bechtel project is one of many new Energy Maquiladoras, which will use our Land, Air and Water to supply energy abroad, while leaving the emissions, contaminated water, contaminated air and health hazards for the Mexican Citizens. People from both sides of the border are concerned about the already polluted air and water. They have expressed concern throughout, but it seems that again the sole interest is in achieving 'development' at any cost. These power plants and the surplus energy infrastructure will attract heavier industry to an already saturated maquiladora sector. The labor, environmental and basic human rights violations within the maquiladora sector could sadly become much worse.

As part of the border community we have taken heed of the blatant disregard for quality of life. We cannot let these actions continue internationally without speaking out and defending ourselves from corporations such as Bechtel.

You are not alone in your struggle,

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