

Custom-built trailer hauling spent nuclear generator. Photos courtesy WCS permits

Mammoth Load will not reach Mammoth Lakes

It was rumored that an enormous truck, some 399 feet long, 20 feet wide, more than 16 feet tall and weighing 1,430,550 lbs, carrying spent nuclear generators would pass by Mammoth on its way to the Nevada border.

The rumor was just that. The behemoth began its journey from San Onofre August 2, and for

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approximately twenty-one days it will travel at no more than 15 mph to its final destination in Clive, Utah. Traveling mostly at night in an attempt to avoid disruption of traffic, this 'super variance load' will travel August $1\bar{0}$ to August 11 from Pearsonville to Bishop. The truck will be parked at the Ford Dealership on U.S. 6, in Bishop, and on August 12 will continue its journev on U.S. 6 to the Nevada Stateline.

This is the first of four such loads that will be shipped to Energy Solutions in Clive, Utah. Energy Solutions is a Utah state-licensed company for the disposal of Class A waste. The Nuclear Energy definition of Class A waste states, "Although the classification of waste can be complex, Class A waste generally contains lower concentrations of long half-lived radioactive materials than Class B and C wastes."

The shipment of all four generators should be completed by the end of this year.

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