

End of the line for CiGEO !!

**La Gare de Luméville will never welcome
radioactive trains !**



Photo : Element from the exhibition « Trainstopping » at La Gare de Luméville

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Come to La Gare :

l'Ancienne Gare de Luméville :
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La Gare
A juridical and physical
barricade in the
anti-nuclear struggle

The old station of Luméville en-Ornois

**A place to live, to organize &
to resist against the CiGEO project!**

LA GARE, AN INTRO...

The old station ("La Gare") de Luméville(-en-Ornois) is a **privately-owned property** and a **place of activism against CiGEO**, the project to bury radioactive waste in Bure and its surroundings in Meuse and Haute-Marne. It is located 10 km from the laboratory of ANDRA (the government agency managing the project) and **is on the route of the potential railroad that ANDRA wants to create and operate to transport nuclear waste to CiGEO via CASTOR convoys** (The Branched Terminal Installation (ITE)). **La Gare is directly threatened by this atomic mega-binl project.**

It is a place to **generate collective resources, to organize and to welcome the curious, collectives and activists** working to oppose CiGEO... but not only: we fight against all forms of authoritarianism, discrimination, oppression, the destruction of the living, the levers of capitalism and productivism... **And of course, you are free to come there!**

Bought in the 2000's by a group of activists and opponents, it is a space of about 8 ha between the villages of Luméville-en-Ornois and Mandres-en-Barrois. **It has hosted many big events** like the ten-day anti-authoritarian and anti-capitalist VMC camp in August 2015, the Springtime of the struggles in 2016, the anti-prison week of the Anarchist Bure Cross in 2020, the 'rayonnantes' camp in August 2021, as well as medic trainings. Several demonstrations, symbolic actions and acts of sabotage have taken place in parallel to several of these events.

THE BRANCHED TERMINAL INSTALLATION (ITE), IN BRIEF

The ITE could be one of the related pieces of infrastructure of the CiGEO atomic mega-bin project. ANDRA wishes to deploy it as a part of the network for transporting nuclear waste.

For the Meuse and Haute-Marne territory, the agency is planning two poisonous projects of rail transportation of nuclear waste to CiGEO: the ITE and the rehabilitation of the 027000 line. Their work could now be launched since obtaining the DUP (the "declaration of public utility") on July 7, 2022, while CiGEO is still not technically authorized: this is another fine example of the nuclear industry's policy of "fait accompli".

The Terminal Branching Facility: between Gondrecourt-le-Château and Saudron (where the laboratory is located), 14 km of new railroad track would be built, partly on the route of the old line that has now disappeared. **The La Gare is located on the route of the potential ITE and an expropriation procedure is now certain to be attempted.**

A montage of a few past events at La Gare...



HOW TO SUPPORT LA GARE ?

*** Come and visit us! ***

Whether it's for a workshop/building week, another barricade festival, or one of the many other events going on there! Or just to say hi, take a walk and chat! La Gare is currently run on a self-managed basis by an open collective. Once a week, there is a meeting where projects concerning the place are discussed and decided. This meeting is open to anyone who lives there, uses the place, or feels connected to La Gare in some other way.

*** Support La Gare from (further) away! ***

You could start local support and advocacy committees in your area. You could organize material donations, solidarity actions or information tours. You could also distribute this brochure, or the appeal at: <https://bureburebure.info/defendons-la-gare-empechons-la-construction-de-la-route-castor/>

*** Come to La Gare! ***

You would be very welcome to come and stay at La Gare, temporarily or permanently, from right now! The grounds offer plenty of space for caravans, trucks, cabins, tents, in addition to the three main buildings. In recent years, a lot of energy has also gone into making the place more comfortable and improving the living conditions on site. As well as building the infrastructure to accommodate and feed a larger crowd (even in winter).

AFTERWORD: NUCLEAR POWER AT THE HEART OF AN IMPERIALIST SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION AND DOMINATION

The problem with nuclear power is not only its extraordinary amounts of waste, nor its potential for uncontrollable and unprecedented ecological and public health disasters, nor its (true) astronomical cost. Nor, even, its place in a vast neo-colonial economic project of the government. No! in addition to all this, facilitating the continuation and growth of the capitalist society of hyper-consumption and economic hierarchization, the nuclear power industry also maintains a whole system of inequalities; a way of life based on oppression and the repression of the "non-privileged", here as elsewhere.

La Gare stands for community, equality, mutual aid, communitarianism, collectivization of common resources, interdependence, collective work to nurture true anti-authoritarian solutions for a stable environment and a healthy ecosystem, for true social justice and consensus, for decentralization and for individual and collective liberation.

THE HISTORY OF LA GARE

La Gare is located on a section of the Jessains-Sorcy rail line, now largely out of service. At the old "Gare de Luméville", the entire line was dismantled in the 1970s and 1980s. There is no trace of balusters or any other infrastructure from the former rail line anymore, but only stone platforms and a few small buildings and ruins (the station hall or 'guard house').

History of the old railroad: The section where the old station of Luméville is located was operated from 1892 until the middle of the twentieth century, mainly during the First World War, then for the transport of goods. Half of this line, from Montier-en-Der (52) to Sorcy-Saint-Martin terminus (55), was created for purely strategic and military reasons, following the Franco-German war of 1870.

CiGEO sets its sights on La Gare: 2006 marked the start of the CiGEO project, with the law of June 28, 2006, which chose to locate the atomic waste burial site in Bure/Saudron. The laboratory/Trojan horse has been located there since 2005. This also means that all the attention of the French nuclear lobby on "deep geological disposal" will be openly focused on this territory alone, contrary to the Bataille law of 1991 which foresaw several research axes.



Photo : La Gare during the Rayonnants festival in august 2021

**WE ARE STILL NOT DUP-ED !
THE TRAIN STATION IS A SPACE TO THINK TOGETHER ABOUT OUR
COLLECTIVE DEFENSE IN AND AROUND BURE**

With the rendering of the declaration of public utility (DUP) on July 7, 2022, a milestone has been reached and the project, now declared to be of "national interest", is **overriding the opposition of local residents** and leading to the **expropriation of 6,000 hectares of land that stand in the way of the project's construction.**

Even before the end of the DUP, ANDRA had announced the beginning of **construction of the future CASTOR line by 2024 at the latest.**



Like many other farmers and landowners in the region, **La Gare is now threatened, in the near future, with a legal battle with ANDRA to obtain the land and, ultimately, with eviction by force.**

DUP or not, we won't accept it !

La Gare de Luméville is a **strategic place in the fight against CiGEO and against the nuclear industry, as well as a place that welcomes all opponents of this project to come together to think about how to defend La Gare, as well as all land now threatened, from future expropriation or expulsion..**



Photo : Enlargement of a barricade, a banner & a new vigil cabin built next to the D138, during the « Barricade festival », in July 2022

**A week of building &
celebrating barricades!**



Photo : A barricade built on the path of the old rail line during the « Barricade festival », in July 2022

**THE FUTURE:
DEFEND THE STATION, DEFEND AGAINST THE ADVANCE OF CiGEO!**

La Gare is right in the middle of the fight against CiGEO –physically, juridically and politically –, and its defense will be made up of **legal elements** as well as **social and material elements**. Defending the train station means defending against the future convoys of CASTORS trains. As the beginning of the construction is planned for 2024 (at the latest), now is the time to make La Gare a center of activity, sharing and welcome, and to nourish the fight against CiGEO and the nuclear industry.

The destiny of this place has always been to be a strategic point in this opposition and, ultimately, the place of a political confrontation.

We do not want to wait until the legal means of resisting expropriation are exhausted to be active actors. Despite the current legal status of the land, **we want to move to consider La Gare as a place of permanent occupation.**

In this perspective, July of this year 2022 saw the first "barricades festival", where hundreds of activists from here and elsewhere gathered to build barricades, and to inform themselves, exchange and discuss the strategy of the defense of La Gare against CiGEO and ANDRA, and for all places of resistance against all the deadly projects of neoliberal capitalism.