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Valley Fever (coccidioidomycosis) is an incurable disease caused by the inhalation of C. immitis, a fungus which permanently becomes a parasite in its host. The organism that causes it is commonly found in the soil of the southwestern United States, Mexico, and parts of Central and South America.

The Center for Disease Control states that C. Immitus could be used as a weapon of biowarfare or bioterror via aerosol delivery

Valley fever can activate or reactivate at any time in ones life with dire consequences and may never show up on a blood test.

The radioactive emissions from the LES plant would tend to sterilize the soil and if any new C. immitis is later blown into a sterilized area there would be no natural competition for space and the fungus would find an environment it could thrive in.. Seasonal high winds in this area can hit over 50mph+ and they usually blow in a northerly direction. North of the Les site is over 30,000 people within 25 miles.

Valley fever is incurable and allowing the Les plant to operate with these emissions poses an unacceptable risk of making this existing natural hazard worse, causing major health problems to the public. .

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