

## **Toxic waste near river to be moved**

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SALT LAKE CITY – More than 12 million tons of radioactive waste will be moved away from the Colorado River, which provides drinking water for more than 25 million people across the West.

The Department of Energy said yesterday that the radioactive tailings about 750 feet from the river near Moab in southeastern Utah will be moved, predominantly by rail, to a proposed holding site at Crescent Junction, Utah, about 30 miles from the Colorado River.

The department's decision was announced in the final environmental impact statement for the tailings site.

Tammy Kikuchi, a spokeswoman for Gov. Jon Huntsman, said the plan is to begin moving the tailings to Crescent Junction in 2007.

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## **Electrical accident kills 4 Scout leaders**

BOWLING GREEN, Va. – Four adult Boy Scout leaders from Alaska were killed yesterday afternoon in an electrical accident during the opening day of the organization's 2005 Jamboree.

Jamboree spokesman Gregg Shields said the accident happened while the leaders were setting up camp.

One other leader from Alaska and a contract worker were hospitalized in stable condition. All the youths with the Alaska group were fine, said Bill Haines, chief executive officer of the Western Alaska Council.

Shields did identify the victims.

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## **Study: Immigrants' get less health care**

AUSTIN, Texas – Far from burdening the health care system, immigrants are helping to subsidize medical care for native-born Americans, according to a Harvard/Columbia University study weighing in on one of the flash points in debate over immigration.

The report, released yesterday and appearing in the current issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*, concludes that although many immigrants pay Medicare payroll and other taxes, they receive less than half as much health care as native-born families. Immigrant

children, in particular, receive 74 percent less health care than U.S.-born children. Latino immigrants had the lowest health expenditures.

The report, however, leaves unanswered questions about the impact illegal immigrants have on health care costs.

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