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Dear Dr. Meselson
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We just saw NOVA on yellow rain in Southeast Asia. Probably it was a rerun.

Incidentally we knew you at Caltech, met you again, I think at UC San Diego. We are geologists-geochemists

Regarding "yellow rain", 2 yrs ago in Ramona Calif. ^{near San Diego} we had a Keith alert. To make a long story short it was pine pollen. That same year my neighbor was watching a puddle in our driveway. He was so frightened, it was full of "yellow rain". Again it was pine pollen. I took the neighbor to a pine tree and flicked the seeds & great clouds of yellow pollen flew about. In Calif the yellow pollen falls in March.

In western Montana, everyone knows about "yellow rain". We have yellow storms since all the trees are Ponderosa pine. It is so thick here that you can write your name on the hood of a truck. In Montana the yellow rains come in June.

Best,

Celiste Engel