

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Private Fuel Storage, a Limited Liability  
Company;

(Independent Spent Fuel Storage  
Installation).

Docket No. 72-22  
Amended Affidavit of  
Intervenor

Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia

Affidavit of Lester Wash

I, **Lester Wash**, after being duly sworn on oath, state and dispose as follows:

1. My name is Lester Wash, I have lived on the Skull Valley Goshute Reservation for approximately fifteen (15) years, and now reside at a site which is two (2) miles from the proposed Interim Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) site. Since the reservation does not have street addresses I will describe my homesite using existing landmarks. I live approximately two (2) miles west of the road known as Skull Valley Road or also known as Federal Aid Secondary Road 108. My home is behind and north of the Goshute Cultural Center.
2. I live with my wife Maureen and our children, Shareen, (age 28), Leslie (age 27), Lavelda (age 24) and Duane (age 18). I have lived in this area for the majority of my life.
3. I am a member of Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia. I am very concerned that the proposed facility will destroy my health and safety as well as the health and safety of my family. I am also concerned that the proposed facility will destroy my culture and the way of life that I and my family now enjoy.
4. I have been a member Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia since its inception. I agree with the organization's stand to oppose the siting of the specific high level nuclear waste storage facility on the Skull Valley Goshute reservation. I am concerned that the building of this facility will cause great harm to myself, my family and my friends on the Goshute reservation.
5. I am a member of the Goshute Tribe. I have decided that siting a high level nuclear waste facility on my reservation would be dangerous. I am concerned that a release of radioactive waste would cause grievous injury to the people and the land.
6. I own my own mobile home which is only two (2) miles from the proposed nuclear waste facility. The value of my home is currently, approximately one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars and I am very concerned that the economic value of my home will be effected by

the siting of this facility so very close to my home.

7. Water resources are very scarce on the reservation because of the very arid climate. Our water is supplied by a well which comes from water run off from the mountains. The water is then piped to my home from a water tower which is only two and one half (2 1/2) miles from the proposed site of the ISFSI. I fear contamination by the accidental release of radioactive material from the proposed facility. Our water system will be gone and water is very hard to find on this reservation.
8. Adequacy of emergency first responders/fire stations, etc. are of great concern. Presently the only fire facility that is present on the reservation is a volunteer fire crew that is in no way prepared to deal with a nuclear emergency. The closest ambulance service is over 55 miles from Tooele City to the site. This is mountain driving so the time may be well over two hours. Response time will be very slow if a nuclear emergency should happen. There are no fire hydrants close to my home.
9. I live within two miles from the road upon which transport of nuclear waste will occur. A transportation accident which resulted in a release of radioactive material could cause me, my family, or other members of the organization serious injury. Dugway Proving Grounds which performs testing of all types of military equipment receives and ships all sorts of conventional Army weapons. Many of these weapons travel the same route along Skull Valley Road as will the proposed spent fuel. An accident involving a highly explosive weapon and the nuclear waste could occur and would result in a dangerous radioactive release which would have grave effects upon myself and the other members of the organization.
10. The organization has decided to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene in the licensing application before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I personally authorize the organization Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia to represent me and my interests in this proceeding.
11. That the routine operation of the proposed storage facility and its associated transportation activities will have adverse impacts upon myself and my community. I am very concerned that the facility will disrupt the way of life that I now know. Presently, the area in which I live is relatively quiet. I fear that once the facility is operational there will be much more traffic, noise from the traffic, and that these effects will have a negative impact upon my now quiet way of life.
12. I fear that in other ways my sense of well being will be disrupted. Presently, I live with everyday fears for myself, my community and others that I am concerned about. I believe that the psychological presence of the facility will weigh greatly into the fears that I and my children will have to live with.
13. I believe that there are other ways in which I will be impacted by the facility. It is my intent to live what I believe to be a traditional Goshute way of life. The presence of the additional personnel, the presence of many more vehicles, trains and/or trucks, security

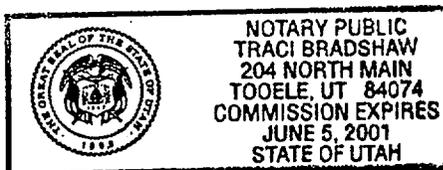
personnel, changes in traffic patterns etc. will have a negative impact upon my traditional way of life. Living with the fear that my ancestral homeland may become nothing more than a nuclear wasteland weighs heavy on my mind. I fear that the land of my ancestors will not be the land of my tribes children's children because of the nuclear waste that will be brought upon the land and that may forever taint it.

14. Because of the very negative aspects of the facility as portrayed to the outside public, I fear the possibility of threats of violence and racially motivated crimes being imposed upon myself and my family because of the stand that my Tribe has chosen to take. This may be especially true if non-Indian land along the transportation route is condemned to obtain rights-of-way for a new rail spur or transfer facility.

The foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge based upon information and belief.

Lester Wash  
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Signed and sworn before me on  
this 22 day of NOV, 1997.



Traci Bradshaw

Notary Public

My commission expires: 6.5.01