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Office of the Secretary
Rulemaking and Adjudication's Staff
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Secretary:

I am writing to ask that you extend the public comment period for the proposed nuclear waste storage facility in Ash Hill Valley, Utah.

As citizens in a democracy, we deserve and demand more time to review the complete Draft Environmental Impact Statement, to bring awareness to the issue, to conduct educational forums and to create community dialogue.

This facility has enormous impact not only on our state, but on all communities along the transportation corridor.

Our questions need answers. If we cannot be provided with this information, the NRC must deny license of this facility. We will not be put unknowingly at risk. We have suffered the consequences of radiation before an downturn of the Nevada Test Site. It presumably has lost more organs to cancer as a result of that radiation than it was to share. We will not be led down that path again.

We are essentially being held hostage by a consortium of short-sighted and environmentally irresponsible utility companies who have little regard for public safety, who look only to short term solutions and who put profit and self-interest above the common good.

I beseech you to give the good citizens who will be put at risk both the time and consideration we deserve.

Sincerely,

Mary Dubson

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OPPOSITION OF THE SKULL VALLEY NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE FACILITY

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The report also states that Utah will be responsible for the cost of training and providing emergency responders and medical personnel to the site. Due to the fact that a private company is proposing to operate the facility, there is no Federal funding for any emergency response needs, training, equipment, accidents, etc. It is anticipated that fires in Skull Valley will be increased as a result of the danger posed by the sparks from increased rail traffic and heavy machine use.

The report also states that Utah will receive a stigma as the single largest receptacle of high level nuclear waste in the United States, and that stigma will have a negative impact on our entire economy. It will likely stigmatize our produce, dairy, and other agricultural products as well as our raw land.

Congressman Jim Hansen is officially opposed to the measure because of the many dangers it poses. Hansen states that it is dangerous to store nuclear waste near other high-risk facilities such as Deseret Chemical Depot and Dugway Proving Grounds. Hansen believes the facility will close down at least a part of Hill Air Force Base because of the danger. He also asserts that these actions will be harmful to national security and dangerous to the local population.

The Governor's office lists other dangers with the facility. First, the transportation of the waste is dangerous because the transportation routes pass through Utah's major watersheds. If a canister is damaged or contaminated, the facility will not accept it and will send it back through the state by rail to the original source. This means that leaky canisters will in fact be passing through our critical watersheds and most populous cities. Second, the waste canisters are known to have a propensity to develop hairline cracks and cast-weld fractures and have not been proven safe; these will be stopped at various times in rail yards throughout Utah, including downtown Salt Lake City. Third, there is a potential danger from sabotage accidents.

Fourth, there is a danger because the location has known geologic and seismic problems. Last, there is danger because the facility will be located within a mile of a military bombing range where accidents frequently happen.

NEEDED ACTION:

1. Attend the press conference which will be held on August 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the Little America Hotel in SLC.
2. Attend the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's final hearings on this matter which will be held on August 21st at the Little America Hotel. One hearing is from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and the other is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. UAR President Mac Brubaker will be speaking on behalf of the UAR at the 6:00 p.m. hearing. If you would like to speak as a concerned citizen, call Scott Flanders at (301) 415-1172 to be placed on the agenda.
3. Sign the petition attached below, encourage your friends, family and neighbors to do likewise. Bring that petition to either of the hearings on Monday or send them to Citizens Against Radioactive Waste, 4001 S. 700 E. Suite 115, Murray, Utah 87107.
4. If you cannot attend the hearing, send your written comment, to all of the following locations: by email to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at <mailto://hearingdocket@nrc.gov> or fax at (301)415-1101 AND to Judge G. Paul Bollewerk of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel at <mailto://gpb@nrc.gov> or fax at (301)415-5599.

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