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Dear Mr. Meyer:

Enclosed you will find my comments to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction and Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation on the Reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians and Related Transportation Facilities. I am, as you may already know, not in favor of storing the spent nuclear fuel anywhere in Utah.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call at (801) 538-1405, or I can be contacted via e-mail at pjulande@le.state.ut.us. Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Warm regards,

Senator Paula F. Julander
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Comments on the Draft Environment Impact Statement

State Senator Paula F. Julander

August 25, 2000

My name is Paula F. Julander, Nurse and Utah State Senator, and I am writing as a member of Citizens Against Nuclear Waste Storage. I have deeply held reasons for being adamantly opposed to the construction and operation of an independent spent fuel storage installation on the reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians and related transportation facilities. The reasons for my opposition follow.

1) The spent fuel should be left at the reactor site.

- It's cheaper.
- There is less health and safety risk to all people involved, especially Utahns.
- If it is safe, the fuel should be disposed at the reactor site by those who are benefitting from its resultant energy.
- Since Utah will not be the permanent site, why move it twice and risk accident or spillage.

2) Storing the spent fuel here damages Utah's business and tourism industries.

- Storing inherently dangerous nuclear waste in Utah hurts our Public Image which has immensely damaging ripple effects on our State's economy, which relies heavily on the tourism industry. Simply stated, people aren't going to want to vacation at a nuclear waste dump site.
- There hasn't been much, if any, consideration to Utah's potential earthquake situation and the risks associated therein.
- There is possible damage to our watershed which is a vital source of our State's water reservoir. There has already been other radiation leakage in the Colorado River.
- It is unclear what effect the storage will have on property values in Utah, though it is clear it won't have a positive effect.

3) Utah's history is replete with incidences of serious illness and harmful side-effects from nuclear radiation.

- Mary Dickson, a "down winder" and a Utahn, has survived thyroid cancer.
- She says others weren't so lucky to survive.
- Mary, like many other Utahns, is worried that this "temporary" site won't be so temporary.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites your comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction and Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation on the Reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians and Related Transportation Facilities

1. To ensure your comments are appropriately considered, please indicate the sections or areas of the DEIS your comment(s) is directed toward?

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