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Subject: Don't add any more "nuclear glow" to Utah

Mr. Scott Flanders,

I was raised in Skull Valley, Tooele County, Utah and lived in the County for 18 Years. In May of 1945 I deposited two fingers on my right hand to Dugway due to the Air Force's failure to clean up a test site. I have friends and relatives who lived in the area when the Army killed 6600 sheep due to what they called a "noxious weed". Even sheep are not stupid enough to eat weeds which will kill them. A movie called "Rage" was filmed about this incident.

In 1996, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. No known member of my family on either side was ever diagnosed with cancer. During the war, the Enola Gay crew trained at Wendover and the ground crew was stationed at Delle where I lived. How much junk was spread around then?

As you can see, I have had plenty of exposure to every type of junk that the government has placed in Tooele County. Whether my cancer was caused by this exposure is open to conjecture, but the winds from Nevada don't blow only over St. George. I have eaten a lot of dust that blew up from the south over Delle.

I went to school with some of the members of the Goshute tribe and admittedly they are poverty stricken. However, the normal approach in this country is to do things that effect the maximum number of people for good. Moving spent nuclear rods into Utah over our roads and railways does not compute for the maximum good let alone storing them for what will probably be forever as the word "temporary" usually means permanent in government speak. Remember all the "temporary" taxes?

Furthermore, Tooele County is already the most toxic county in the USA. Why must we have the crap from the East shipped in too? What is there about the people in the East that they think it is ok for their junk to be deposited in my state? Is this more persecution of the Mormons?

Last, but not least, I find myself working almost daily in Tooele County as a Realtor. Can you imagine how difficult it is to sell property in Tooele County when there is an almost daily spew of TV and newspaper articles about all the junk that is currently in the county?

They say that any leak from the incinerator is dissipated with a few feet of the stack and that the emissions from Magcorp are dissipated within 10 miles. Dissipated to where? The air? The water?

My wife and I have 13 children, 33 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, hundreds of extended relatives, friends and neighbors who will be directly effected by the proposed storage of the rods. I must protest as strongly as possible this transfer which benefits the people who are responsible for the creation of the rods, benefits those who enjoyed nuclear power and doesn't do one dang bit of good for the citizens of my state.

I will carefully consider any reasonable response.

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