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Dear Mr. David Moyer:

I am appalled to discover only a week ago that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is actually considering the Construction and Operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation on the Reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians and the related transportation facility in Tooele County, Utah.

1.) I would like to quickly make some comments on the DEIS (NUREG-1714) but I must first ask for an extension of the public comment period, at least for 90 days, since I've only just found out about it.

2.) I quickly put together a collage I want included as part of my comments — see enclosure collage called "Prayer for Skull Valley." I worked quickly but many hours on this collage. I've included many images that are self explanatory — creatures that live in the area, (they deserve a voice) the overturned hazardous waste truck, and many other images I will not explain but it is obvious I oppose the shipments of this waste and support the NO ACTION

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plan.

3.) We in St. Louis, MO should be allowed a public hearing - we have a right to this. (After all they said they wouldn't ship 3 Mile Island waste through here and they did.) We are a major corridor for shipments for this plan.

4.) The DEIS skims over the hazardous fires that occur in this area and their impact on the proposed plan.

5) Rail accidents are too dangerous to risk and totally unnecessary. The NRC's DEIS is lacking in fully exploring the risks of transportation and the alternatives - leave the waste where it is, stop production of nuclear power (its not needed with conservation techniques fully implemented) and formulate a long range plan to monitor the wastes and develop technologies to neutralize the wastes.

6.) Shipping wastes to Utah adds totally unnecessary risks.

7.) The DEIS is unbelievably callous about the overt environmental injustice going on in exploiting the Goshutes the

way the PFS and NRC have. There is much documentation about the intimidation going on of the Goshutes and the lack of voting of the Tribal members on this issue and also the credibility of Leon Bear as their representative. Goshutes are suffering terrible harassment in speaking out against this proposal. What happened to democracy and free speech?

8) The cumulative impact of adding this new site adds insult to injury. This area has suffered enough - way past its capacity to handle the numerous toxic facilities surrounding the area. It is disgusting you seem to consider this site a dumping ground for all the lethal legacies we humans are creating. No area in the country deserves this kind of treatment. This is a beautiful area full of life and creatures and a special ecology we need to protect. The answer is to stop producing this stuff at the source. If the utilities are

complaining about needing more space to dump their waste, they can take their waste and put it in their own backyards and see the effects directly of their so called "benign, safe, effective methods of waste disposal.

9.) I'm sick of the nuclear industrigs' denial of the harm they have wrought. Anyone who is not aware that we cannot safely dispose of or transport this high-level nuclear waste is in big time denial and a danger to society. Anyone making money off this denial is a criminal in my mind. Nuclear power plants should have all been shut down years ago instead of going around the country looking to exploit some communities with their waste. The legacy of denial is clearly outlined in Killing Our Own. I suggest everyone read it making these decisions. Study the history of denial. I'm not in denial. What you propose should be a criminal act. No nuclear power plants

should ever get a tax break or subsidy. They should get shut down.

Closing Remarks -

No Action on this plan: The DEIS makes clear way too much denial and corruption. I plan to work ceaselessly in the future to take power of decision-making out of the hands of the DOE, NRC, BLM, and any other corrupt bodies involved. We will return to living well with all creatures, cultures, & beings on this planet. We must stop first the deadliest poison known to humans from continuing to be produced & from killing us and numerous life on earth. We certainly shouldn't transport it and contaminate any where else.

Disgusted,

Chris McClanen

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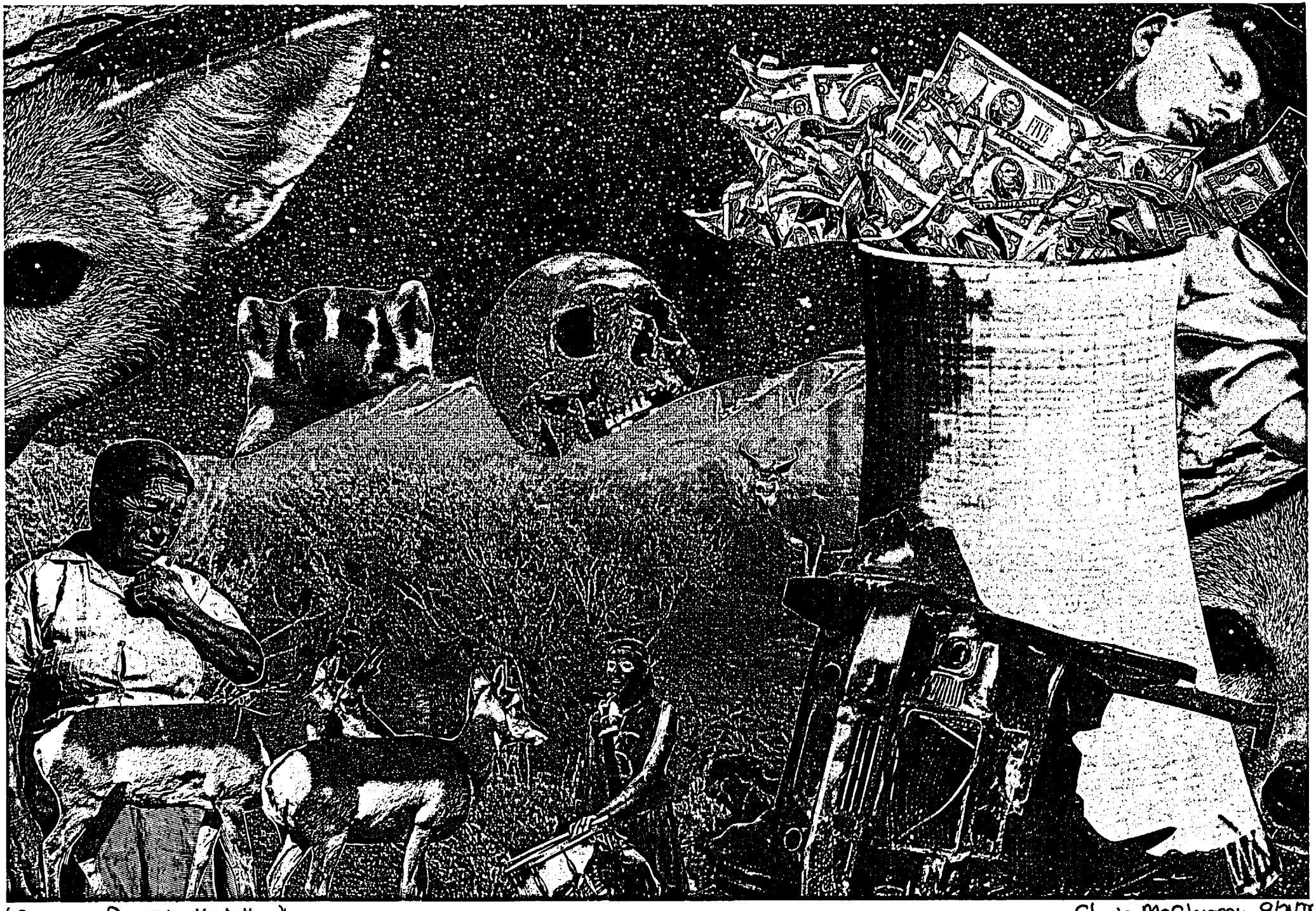
P.S. I'd like a personal response



'Prayer for Skull Valley'

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