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To: Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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From: Davis Chamber of Commerce

The purpose of this letter is to formally oppose the recent proposal of the proposed Nuclear Waste storage site on the Goshiute reservation located in "The West Desert of Utah". As you can imagine, with a county population of approximately 250,000 residents, a facility that employs 22,000 - 26,000 high paying, family sustaining jobs, the effects would be devastating to our county and the state of Utah, should any impact of Hill Air Force Base occur.

As a result, the recent Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) did not take into consideration the dramatic effects that the proposed nuclear storage site would have on the state's economy. We are told that the total economic impact that Hill Air Force Base has on our state is over 2.6 Billion Dollars. With the economy that Utah has built, Hill Air Force Base is critical to the long-term sustainability of our state.

Should the Goshiute Nuclear storage site be approved, we understand that internally, the Air Force has a policy, that they will not fly over Nuclear storage facilities (e.g. Los Alamos). As a result, this would effect the military value of the Utah Test and Training range, thus increasing the chances of being effected by a BRAC. The Utah Test and Training Range is unique in the world as to the effectiveness of its training capabilities. We encourage the abandonment of the Goshiute site proposal and encourage the responsible use of tax payer dollars by using the Yucca Mountain site, a site that has already taken Billions of tax payer dollars to complete.

It is critical to maintain the U.T.T.R. as an important asset in the United States Defense and to fulfill government's responsibility by using those tax dollars that have already been spent for Yucca Mountain. It seems illogical to potentially effect a current asset while mocking cost savings by not utilizing tax dollars that have already been spent.

Sincerely,

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