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It is with a great deal of disgust and disbelief that many of us Americans abhor the continuing action of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Private Fuel Storage Inc (PFS) and the Band of Goshute Indians (BGI) to transport 40,000 tons of highly explosive and radiating nuclear waste to the Salt Lake City area and storing it at the Skull Valley Indian Reservation.

With the recent terrorists attacks on the World Trade Center area of New York City and the Pentagon in Washington D. C., killing and injuring thousands and causing billions of dollars in damage, you would think that any sane party to this ridiculous nuclear waste ploy would abandon the idea immediately.

It has been proven that terrorists have the capabilities of blowing up anything, anywhere and at anytime they desire. The terrorists would delight in having the chance to blow up a 40,000 ton storage dump of nuclear waste within 45 miles of a million plus population. It would take very little imagination on the part of the terrorists to start a nuclear chain reaction explosion that would kill and maim millions. Billions of dollars of private, industrial, and government property of which much of it is vital to our defense would be destroyed.

Contrary to the constant, repetitive monotone of the involved producing, transporting and storage parties that this is a safe operation, it is our belief that the nuclear waste can be highly explosive and emits a swath of radio active radiation for miles along its path. The NRC does not deny that radio active radiation is emitted along the path of the transported nuclear waste. However, they are quick to add that a little radiation doesn't hurts us. Who are they to tell us what amount of radiation is safe for our bodies? When it come to deadly radiation and our bodies we can set our own level. We say that level is 0.

Any amount of radiation can enter our body though the skin, ingestion and breathing. It attacks every organ in our body. It is particularly damaging to infants, young children and the elderly. Young growing and aged organs or destroyed rapidly and is very painful.

Recently we were informed there have been thousands of nuclear shipments throughout the United States with out any lose of life. We must ask where is all of the cancer coming from? There is not one of us Americans that does not have a relative or close friend that has cancer or a cancer related illness. When we ask the nuclear industry to supply information and funds to determine if the constant transporting of this nuclear material may be a cause of this cancer, as we suspect it is, we are denied.

It is our opinion this ill conceived plot to transport 40,000 tons of highly explosive and radiating nuclear waste throughout our nation and store it within 45 miles of a highly populated area needs to be abandoned immediately for the following reasons.

1. The nuclear waste is highly explosive and radiates deadly radio active rays wherever it is transported or stored. 2. Terrorist can blow it up at any point along the transportation route or storage area. 3. The nuclear waste will be stored above ground for at least 40 years, becoming highly vulnerable to terrorist, floods, earthquakes, tornados, weather, etc. 3. It appears that the Goshute Indian government is unstable and should not be allowed to administer such a weighty project. 4. Our decayed railroad and

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highway systems are not worthy of such a task. A day doesn't go by that a major train or truck wreck does not occur. 5. The storage site is poorly designed and presents many problems for storing such a large amount of dangerous radio active atomic waste. 6. Utah state law prevents such a debauchery as this occurring in the state of Utah endangering many lives and billions of dollars in property. 7. The population and environment of the whole nation is endangered since this nuclear waste will be transported from all the four corners of the nation over thousands of miles. This nuclear waste MUST be protected and store where it is created. 8. The producing, transporting, and storage identities are not financially sound to participate in this project. Billions of dollars need to be placed in escrow accounts across the nation to help cover the cost for illness and loss of life and property. After four years into this project not one red cent has been escrowed for relief of pending nuclear accidents. 9. Most People of the United States don't want this nuclear wasted transported through their neighborhoods. 10. Even though the government, and corporate identities say this operation is safe, we feel that we are not always told the truth. The Government has been untruthful in the past in their nuclear activity. Hundreds of nuclear victims of many years ago are still waiting for Government payment promised to them. Many documented cases of corporate untruths have caused hundreds of citizen their lives. The most recent being the tobacco disaster and the Ford and Firestone debacle. 11. It is our opinion that the nuclear waste storage contract between PFS and BGI is illegal and must be overturned at once. We feel it was entered into as a back door deal without all knowledge of this most dangerous project being place on the open table. We will be asking the United States and the State of Utah Justice Departments to investigate this atrocity.



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