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I respectfully request some time in April of this year in Salt Lake City during the hearings concerning PFS licensing matter to store nuclear waste on the Goshute Indian Reservation to make some opposing oral comments. The following are some of the problems that need to be addressed further. Even though the requesting, supporting and reviewing parties favoring and approving this plan have produced voluminous data supporting their plan, it is still the believe of many citizens that their plan is unsafe. We believe they have twisted their own data and superficially made subjective decisions in their favor when in fact their own data reveal that their plan is unsafe. Further more, we believe that their ultimate decision to transport and store dangerous nuclear waste on the back door step of Salt Lake City is based on corporate profits and government expediency, not public safety. We believe that the following items are some that are questionable, as well as many other, that need to be addressed in more detail by the common citizen.

1. Most of the nation's citizens have not been given a chance to voice their safety concerns. This is a national concern, all citizens must be given a chance to present their thoughts on this national issue. (See attachment one.)
2. The nation's railway and road systems are just simply to unsafe.
3. The proposed storage site is located within many earthquake faults.
4. The proposed storage site is located within flood plains.
5. The proposed storage site is located to close to a metropolis.
6. The nuclear transporting corridors will be competing with massive passenger systems.
7. Terrorist will have a field day. There is just to many terrorist opportunities.
8. The Goshute Indian Band government is to unstable.
9. The storage design is faulty.
10. Although touted as a temporary plan, it is not. Nuclear waste will never leave Utah.
11. Nuclear waste is highly explosive and radiates deadly radio active rays.
12. Utah state law prevents such a debauchery as this harming Utah citizens.
13. The participating identities are not financial sound. Many dollars need to be escrowed.
14. The storage contract is defective and may be illegal.

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STOP TRANSPORTING DANGEROUS NUCLEAR
WASTE THROUGHOUT OUR NATION

Dear Honorable Mayor, City Council and Citizens,

February 01, 2002

I must, at this time, bring to your attention a very serious event that requires your immediate consideration and action. Failure on our part to take corrective action will cost lives.

In very short time, extremely dangerous, highly explosive and deadly radiating nuclear waste will be transported through or near your community. Nuclear waste, however shielded, is deadly.

The Private Fuel Storage (a limited liability) Corporation (PFS) has contracted with the Goshute Indian Band (GIB) to store 40,000 tons of high level spent nuclear fuel waste on their Skull Valley Indian Reservation for up to fifty years. Then, it will be transported once again to a permanent site or back to where it came from. This constant nuclear waste transporting plan slices at our national security.

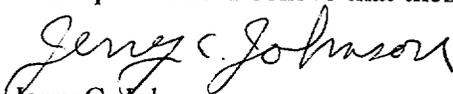
This harmful nuclear waste is created by many nuclear electric power plant located throughout the United States. Through some convoluted Federal laws and what appears to be mostly politics, the nuclear waste must be gathered and stored at one location under the direction of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The nuclear waste will be transported from all corners of the United States arriving at the Skull Valley Indian Reservation from five different directions. Not one state will be spared.

The first problem of many with this scheme is that our nation's worn out highway and railway system is not worthy of such a task. Not a day passes without a deadly road or rail disaster occurring. Not to many days into this vulnerable nuclear waste transporting ploy, there will be major shipment breaches resulting in massive radiation or nuclear explosions harming millions of people and hundreds of square miles of terrain. The loss of life and injuries will be in the thousands. Property loss will exceed billions.

Terrorist experts have all ready revealed that terrorist can at the very least turn these nuclear waste shipments into dirty bombs spreading nuclear radiating particles for hundreds, if not thousand, of miles. A terrorist coordinated effort (which they are good at) could result in a simultaneous attack on many different nuclear waste shipments at one time completely disabling the United State within a hour. PFS is going to make it easy for the terrorist. All the nuclear waste shipping trains or trucks are dedicated and will all look alike, being very easy target to identify. Within minutes multiple explosions will occur.

We as citizens and you as leaders must contact every government leader (local, state and federal) and insist that nuclear waste must be stored where it is created. If it's safe to transport nuclear waste throughout the nation for the next fifty years and store it in the back yard of a metropolis, it is safe to store it where it is created. If nuclear power is to be used, they need to store their waste at their site.

Local community governments must take action to protect its citizens. State governments are becoming some what limitless over the power of the Federal government and its agencies. Local governments must help its citizens to understand the power of an individual and the need to appeal to the Federal agencies for fairness and safety in this nuclear waste crisis. The Federal nuclear policy of the past has left a lot to be desired. To this date there are many nuclear victims that are waiting government payments for nuclear injures from many years ago. Look at the Cigarette industry, Ford, Firestone, and Enron. Can we really believe the Federal government and Private Fuel Storage Corporation when they tell us this is a safe operation? I believe that their decisions are based on government expediency and corporate profits.


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Rumsfeld issues terror warning

By **ROBERT BURNS**
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WASHINGTON — The United States could face terrorist surprises “vastly more deadly” than the Sept. 11 attacks that killed more than 3,000 people, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday.

On a day in which other administration officials said the nation is likely to remain on a high state of alert for some time, Rumsfeld said terrorists who managed to get unconventional weapons and deliver them great distances with ballistic missiles could kill hundreds of thousands of Americans.

Amid evidence that the al-Qaida terrorist network may have been studying U.S. nuclear plants, dams and water-supply systems as potential targets, Rumsfeld said the magnitude of dan-

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ger will grow if terrorists are allowed to link up with rogue nations willing to provide them with nuclear weapons.

“These attacks could grow vastly more deadly than those we suffered,” he said in a speech at the National Defense University, a graduate school for senior military officers and government officials.

Rumsfeld suggested that the answer to such threats may be pre-emptive strikes.

“The best, and in some cases, the only defense is a good offense,” he said, since the New York and Pentagon attacks showed it is not possible to defend against every conceivable threat.

Separately, government officials said nuclear power plant operators were alerted last week that terrorists might be planning an airplane attack on a reactor. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission based its alert on information from an al-Qaida operative, the officials said. Later the commission followed up with an advisory stating that the information had not been corroborated or otherwise authenticated.

The alert said “the attack was already planned” and three people already “on the ground” were trying to recruit non-Arabs to take part, one official said, speaking on condition of

anonymity.

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller told reporters he believes there are “sleeper cells” of terrorists waiting for word to attack, and thus the nation remains on high alert. He said information about possible threats to America has emerged from interviews with captured al-Qaida fighters and an enormous cache of documents, videotapes and other materials recovered in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Rumsfeld, in a question-and-answer session after his speech, alluded to what President Bush in his State of the Union address called a peril that “draws closer and closer.”

“The real concern at the present time is the nexus between terrorist networks and terrorist states that have weapons of mass destruction,” he said.



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