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Dear Staff,

I am against having spent nuclear wastes being transported to and stored in the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation.

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First, shipping spent nuclear waste casks via rail is a risky idea, even in supposed "safe" containers. What if these shipments are sabotaged by extremists groups? If there were a derailment, how many casks would actually survive intact? What sort of guarantee can the government offer to those living near the rail lines?

Secondly, why do the people running these nuclear power plants want to send us their problem? If storage technology is so "safe", then they should store the wastes in their backyard. They will have to be accountable and responsible for the amount of nuclear waste they produce. The people of Michigan will strongly object to permanent storage in their state (those NIMBY's), however, it might give them some incentive to develop cleaner sources of energy.

Lastly, Utah is overburdened with it's own serious waste problems - the chemical weapons left over from our various war efforts. We don't need any more toxic wastes in this state. We have more than enough!

Thank you for allowing me to present my input and concerns.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sirs,

I request leave to make an oral presentation on behalf of "Scientists for Secure Waste Storage" at the hearing on June 23rd 2000. I will be attending a meeting of the Atlantic Legal Foundation in New York in the morning and arriving in Salt Lake City at about 6 pm. I hope therefore that a time in the 7 -9.30 pm period would be possible. I will also have a written presentation.

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I note that "Scientists for Secure Waste Storage" requested leave to intervene in the hearing, which permission was denied. One of the reasons given for denial is that "Scientists for Secure Waste Storage" would have many other opportunities of expressing their views in the hearing. I note also that according to the rules governing the hearing, the Chairman has considerable latitude. "Scientists for Secure Waste Storage" respectfully request that I be allowed more than the usual 5 minutes for oral presentation. In Addition I request that I as spokesman be permitted to modify, subsequent to the hearing, the written presnetation to take into account any testimony in thehearings that took place in the previous few days, and a review by the individual members of "Scientists for Secure Waste Storage". By this means I hope that the testimony pesented will be more reliable.

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Dear Regulatory Commission,

I would like to oppose the site that is being considered for the nuclear waste-storage proposal for the Goshute facility in Utah. I do not feel that one group should make that kind of decision to gain some financial help without the surrounding area giving its okay also. It will not just effect their lives but the biggest area in the state as far as population concentration is located. If the rods cannot be stored in the area where the benefit of the plant is felt why must the people of the Salt Lake Area or Utah for that matter take their problem. It is said it will be a temporary facility, but the Yucca facility is already behind by 10 years and is not expected to open for another 10 years. There is no guarantee that it will ever be open and able to take the rods there. That means that although intentions are now just temporary, they could easily turn into long term holding if not permanent holdings. I do not feel that they can guarantee my community that it will be safe given the earthquake danger in the valley. Also will we be stuck with a terrible cleanup problem that will also put our children and our whole community at risk down the road if it is dismantled.

I do not feel that Utah should become the dump for other states who reap the benefit of the nuclear products but do not want to deal with the spent product. Keep it in their own state or shut down the plants. We have been told before that all is well and it was not. Knowledge was lacking on the danger we were being put in. This site is just 80 miles from my home where I have 6 children and a husband. We have more than the national average in number of children in each home in the Salt Lake Area. Why should one group of people benefit financially at the possible risk of so many others.

Another site should be acquired where the area that will be affected will all have equal say in the matter. Many of my neighbors and friends feel the same way but feel like how can we be heard. Please block this facility from being pushed upon the people of the state of Utah.

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> Dear Staff,
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I was infuriated today to read in the newspaper that we, in Utah, are to receive yet another blow to the viability of our local environment and possibly to the longevity of my children.

When I log on to the NRC website, I am further enchanted to learn that the proposed "High Level Radioactive Waste Dump", to be located about 85 miles from my kids' swingset, is the NRC's maiden voyage into this effort. Music to my ears. I can hardly wait to be a guinea pig for the entire world.

Three days ago, I read in the paper that the nerve gas that leaked accidentally from the Tooele nuclear weapons burning facility, was "insignificant". The fact that my children's trampoline is downwind of this facility by only a matter of 20 miles or so seems also be an "insignificant" consideration to the NRC

The companies that produced the waste and, thereby, profited from it's production, are the ones who should store the waste upon their own front yards. Why dump it on us?

Are we to be the great oven for the United States into which will be poured all spent weapons, nerve gas, radioactive waste? Will my children be told 20 years from now that they are dying because of the greed of a few American Corporations while the government looked the other way? Is this the whole premise of our democratic nation: that freedom belongs to the wealthy and the radioactive remnants thereof belong to the stupid?

Words cannot express my outrage. I am the one that has to look my children in the eye and explain that need not fear the gangs that are growing new members daily, nor the meth labs, nor the kid next to them in school with a gun in his locker. They don't need to fear the road rage or the child molester on

the next street nor the prison three miles
away that reports escaped madmen and
convicts with maddening regularity. What I must
tell them is that this land that claims to take
"the tired, the poor, the huddled masses yearning
to be free" takes those huddled masses on the
contingency that they can dump their
nuclear waste upon them for a few bucks.

What I must tell my children is the truly scary
truth that who they REALLY need to fear is their own government.

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The hearings on the ^{waste} storage site
for the Native American tribe, the Goshutes
in Tooele County, Utah, for high level
nuclear wastes from the Private Fuel
Storage (PFS) power plant consortium
to be built on ^{the} 18,500 acre reservation,
are a farce.

If the hearings limit discussions
to the three narrowly focused
questions (1) Does the NPS facility have
adequate safeguards in the event of

fire? (2) Does the consortium have a solid financial foundation for the project? and (3) Will NPS have the financial wherewithall to cover dismantling the facility when it's no longer needed and cleaning up the storage site? Then nobody knows the answers to any of these questions. If anyone tries to answer them they are fools. Since the time frame is at least fifty years into the future and the consortium has now become an entity unto itself, absolutely no one can truthfully answer these three questions for fifty plus years in the future.

All people who believe that N-DH NPS are good, safe, moral methods ~~to~~ to try to make safe the storage of spent fuel rods from 20 nuclear power plants, has been sold a pig in a poke. No one knows, or can vouch for the safety of ^{this} first-of-its-kind facility that must isolate the waste for hundreds or hundreds

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of thousands of years.

If our challenge as citizens is to do our best to find ways, within the framework of our representative form of government, to develop a nuclear waste disposal system that is scientifically, technically and managerially sound; environmentally and publicly safe; and politically and socially acceptable, then no entity, especially those who would profit from pushing the ^{nuclear} waste onto someone else, should be free to severely limit discussions.

If there is no safe way to dispose of nuclear waste from nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants, which can be achieved in the lifetime of those involved in the decision then there needs to be some very serious discussion and planning done to get rid of what appears to be a man-made monstrosity.

If nuclear waste cannot be subdued
in the limits of ours and its lifetime
then man who created it needs
to back off, regardless of the
money involved, so that the danger
of polluting the whole earth, or of
blowing up the whole earth
has been neutralized forever.

Sincerely,
Louise Hess

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY
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Sir:

This is a copy of a brief statement I wish to present on June 23rd in
Salt Lake City at Board hearings.

Ramon D. Wilson D.D.S.

cc: Office of Secretary Rulemaking and
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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June 21, 2000

Your honors, ladies and gentlemen:

My name is Ramon Wilcox. I was born in 1920, just 20 years after Marie Curie and Konrad Roentgen produced usable radiation. This radiation is the true subject of these hearings. I did not hear it addressed in our meeting on Monday.

Radiation is an enormous subject and problem. As a retired dentist, I used it for 50 years. Please allow me to briefly consider the issues before us.

The proposed lease for 40 years to store 40,000 tons temporarily on the Goshute reservation is not even a whiff of time for the problem we face.

As I understand it, plutonium has a half-life of 49,200 years. Uranium and the other transuranic elements created by the power plants have half lives equal to or exceeding the 49,000 figure. This means that 49,000 years from now, the radiation from this decaying mass will only be reduced by one-half. 49,000 years more and the mass will still be 1/4 as powerful, and 49,000 more years will be 1/8 in this mathematical regression.

Our nation has already spent an enormous amount of money at Yucca Mountain in an attempt to find a permanent resting place for the corpse we have created. Let us profoundly hope that the Nevada storage site proves to be an accomplished fact.

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The proposal under our present consideration seems to me an unsatisfactory, temporary, and dangerous attempt to solve our major problem.

The P.F.S. project can only detract from a necessary "final" solution.

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Your Honor-

Thank you for this democratic forum for reply regarding the storage of spent nuclear waste to be stored on the indian reservation in Utah. Several points come to my conscience and must be expressed.

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1.The Goshute tribe are a financially vulnerable group of people that are lacking in opportunity to better themselves, and may be biased on their majority opinion of storing the waste.

2.Their land is already adjacent to some of the most deadly waste in the country thus-their land values are already at the bottom of the rung and their health risk as a tribe is already assumed.

3. Their decision to store will not keep the waste on their reservation in the event of a catastrophe. Their decision affects all of the west and possibly more.

4.This area is well known for lightning-started wildfires. In view of the Los Alamos catastrophe, the tribe's plan for storage needs to be published and voted on by the people who know the terrain and live in the area; and for that matter, all the people west of the Rocky Mountains.

5 In view of the fact that the same managers that helped create another superfund site (the Atlas Tailings on the Colorado River at Moab) are applying for permission to manage the waste, one questions how these people can afford to provide services to the Goshute tribe when they claim they cannot afford cleanup of the Atlas site. Due to the spectacle at Moab, one wonders why anyone would allow them to assume these duties.

6.There have been no published environmental studies published regarding this site.

7. With the recent bankruptcy filing of other waste storage facilities in this same section of Utah, one wonders how much burden Utah desires to or will be able to bear should another bankruptcy occur and leave a large superfund site. Government officials (certain congressmen) have implied that there is no reason to worry about the cost of such company failures since the "Superfund money could clean these up if the company cannot". I wish to express that "Superfund" money is mine, your Honor. And yours. And our childrens. It is not an impersonal bank account. It is derived from our sweat.

8. Ethically, one must wonder who is being discriminated against in this proposal. After bankrupting the people who owned all of the land here at one time, are we dangling a poison carrot in front of them and pretending to offer them an end to the cycle of abuse and exploitation? Or are the profiteers of the nuclear industry trying to get rid of the stench of the waste by exploiting the society that doesn't really care what happens to the indians or the waste, as long as their golf game or their football game is not interrupted?

Your Honor- you hold an immense power in your hands. I ask that you do the only ethical thing possible and study this proposal much further. You must discover if it is just as safe to leave the waste in it's current locations. If it is-LEAVE IT THERE-do not endanger more people by moving it, just so some people can make money.

I trust in your enlightenment, discernment and guidance from God in this matter.

Sincerely,

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I strongly oppose the PFS program to temporarily store spent nuclear fuel rods on the Goshute Indian Reservation in Skull Valley Utah.

From a environmental scientist perspective: I am a geologist with a background in hydrogeology and seismology. Building even a temporary surface storage facility in a the seismically-active Basin and Range province is poor facility locating. Sure, we might not see any effects in our lifetime, but in 10,000 years the site will change. This area is a ground water recharge area. Any unintended leakage (it never is on purpose) will affect future ground water usage, and this valley is not far from the growing population of the Wasatch Front. This is a future drinking water source for Utah residents.

Temporary sites often become permanent because the NRC cannot move forward on a permanent facility. This PFS money should be spent on a final solution.

It doesn't matter how well engineers think they can build a safe casket, transportation wrecks have convincly demonstrated that human error can overcome the best engineering. We cannot transport chemicals safely by rail or road, why do we think we can safely move nuclear material? Twice.

From a moral perspective: This is an ill-conceived money grab by the Goshute Tribe, with little respect for the health, safety, and future generations of other residents of Utah.

Sincerely,
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Dear Judge G. Paul Bollweerk III: I am a concerned citizen over the feasibility of the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation being considered for high grade radioactive waste. I do not believe spent fuel rods and other high grade radioactive waste should be store at this location, even as a temporary measure. The Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository was approved by Congress, but President Clinton has vetoed t he proposed bill. The government has spent billions of dollars on this site and the President Clinton and the governor of Nevada do not want this site to become a permanent storage site for high grade radioactive waste materials. Yucca Mountain is the only location in this country suitable for such storage, and NOT SKULL VALLEY GOSHUTE INDIAN RESERVATION! I have been interest in nuclear waste materials since 1945 and after all the years that have gone by, still our government cannot take a positive position and declare Yucca Mountain as the permanent storage site for high grade radioactive materials. There exists today a very serious problem in this country pertaining to the storage of radioactive materials and weapon grade nuclear materials. I urge you to discourage any action in declaring Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation here in the State of Utah suitable for storage of any radioactive waste. Why can't Congress override the President and get on with the program to utilize Yucca Mountain for the storage of all such radioactive waste! This is where it all belongs. It is time to take politics out of this serious problem in this country. Thank you very much for reading my personal concerns in this very important matter. Respectfully, Donald E. Evett Bountiful, Utah

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In the Matter of)

PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE, L.L.C.)

(Independent Spent Fuel Storage
Installation))

Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI

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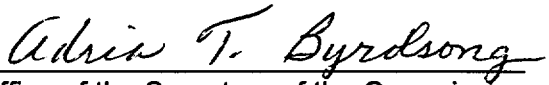
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