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May 19, 1997

Shirley Ann Jackson, Chair
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
US NRC
Washington DC 20 55

Dear Chairman Jackson:

Over the last several years, I have stated publicly and unequivocally my opposition to the siting of a temporary storage facility for high level nuclear waste within the State of Utah. In 1993, I issued a Policy Statement regarding such efforts.

I am writing to you to reaffirm my strong opposition to the efforts of Private Fuel Storage to store high level nuclear waste at the presently proposed site on the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation or anywhere else within Utah. Such storage presents a number of concerns, including the following.

- o "Temporary" storage cannot be guaranteed to be temporary. The proposed facility will be designed and constructed as a temporary facility. However, there is no way to ensure that the spent fuel rods which are shipped and stored at the site will ever be removed.
- o Need for this temporary storage site is not documented. The General Accounting Office, with the concurrence of the Department of Energy, has determined that sufficient temporary capacity exists for spent fuel rods to be stored at existing sites, pending completion of a permanent storage facility.
- o Utah has not generated these wastes. Utah takes seriously its responsibility for managing the storage and disposal of waste problems within the state. We have no interest in increasing the risk to people in this area by importing high level nuclear waste.
- o Health and safety issues regarding transportation of high level nuclear waste have not been addressed.

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I recognize that the Skull Valley Band of the Goshute Indian Tribe has a compelling interest in economic development. However, the long term risks and impacts which high level nuclear waste storage places on the Goshute Reservation and the State of Utah far outweigh the incentives.

I encourage your opposition to this temporary high level nuclear waste facility. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you. If you would like additional information, please contact Dianne Nielson, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, at 801-536-4404. Thank you for your careful consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael O. Leavitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Michael O. Leavitt
Governor

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