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Dear Mr. Meyer:

For 30 years my husband and I worked for the Federal Government in the D. C. area - my husband for NASA, and I for the Health Care Financing Administration. We are familiar with the process of public hearings, but I don't think we fully appreciated the personal impact the Federal Government's decisions has on the lives of ordinary Americans.

We have retired and now live in a bucolic little town called Huntsville, UT. It is ringed by mountains, including a ski resort where the 2002 Winter Olympics will be held. When we moved here, we had never heard of Toelle County, in Utah's West desert, where hazardous waste is a thriving industry. We are 50 miles East of Toelle County, that is to say downwind, so the winds carry contaminants directly to us.

I am unable to attend the July 27 and 28 public hearings in Salt Lake City on two proposals to bring almost all the nation's nuclear waste to the Toelle County area. I am writing to you to protest these proposals. Private Fuel Storage wants to "temporarily" store spent nuclear fuel rods at the Goshute Indian Reservation and Envirocare wants to store radioactive waste. This waste is lethally radioactive for tens of thousands of years.

We have made many friends here, including three woman, long-term residents, who this year have each lost a breast to cancer. I am writing to you partly on their behalf, but also for all the residents of this area.

I suggest that you read this week's Newsweek which names environmental factors as the major cause of cancer. Also, you might want to read a wonderful little book, "Canaries on the Rim," written by Chip Ward, a librarian who lives in Toelle County.

Sincerely,

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