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Thank you for your comments. They will be forwarded to the appropriate technical contact to be added to the record of comments on the draft environmental impact statement.

>>> ruth gier <ruthgier@uswest.net> 08/24 11:20 AM >>>

I have been in contact with friends who attended the hearing August 21, 2000, on the storage of nuclear waste on the Goshute Indian Reservation in Utah.

Making a decision to store such waste near to a major air base and urban areas without extensive input from more than the few members of the Goshute tribe who are the representatives in this deal, is reprehensible. We have discovered, via the internet, that there is also organized opposition on the part of many other Goshute Indians against this. They are not fooled into believing that because they are so poor, receiving the money for toxic waste will be an answer to all their problems.

However, they do not deserve to inherit such toxic waste from other states. We, as the citizens of the U.S.A and Utah, need to help them find other solutions to the ongoing problems of poverty. It is to our shame that our Native Americans are exploited so extensively. Surely, as a governmental agency, the NRC would not want to be involved in yet another cruel exploitation.

I am also very concerned that a state such as ours should become a waste dump for material that is so dangerous. Surely we need to find new ways to produce energy that do not pose such problems for those of us who have already been assaulted by the down winds of nuclear fallout.

As a tax paying citizen of Utah, I oppose completely these actions that will create financial and health problems for the people of our state. I also want to recommend that hearings be extended so that this problem can be aired and and solved in a more democratic and safe manner.

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