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Dear Sir:

What have Utahns ever done to have our state designated as the nation's official depository for hazardous waste? Too many of our citizens are still mourning the loss of loved ones (including my brother) whose lives were cut short by exposure to radiation from the Nevada nuclear tests.

Does our sacrifice at that time mean we have to forever accept waste created by the rest of the nation?

Why are Utahns considered expendable? Have you ever met a Utahn? In general, we are good citizens and bright, articulate people. Why is more concern given to the snail-darter and spotted owl than to the residents of Utah?

When atomic testing was going on in Nevada and Eisenhower was advised that the fallout was drifting heavily into Utah, his reply was "Continue with the testing." Now in gratitude for that sacrifice, we are asked to become the hazardous waste dump. What is honorable about taking the waste from one group of people and casting it upon the land of another group. Honorable people don't do that.

LET THE AREA WHERE THE WASTE IS PRODUCED PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE PRODUCTION UNTIL THEY DEVISE A WAY TO DISPOSE OF IT IN THEIR OWN BACK YARD. Utah is known to be centered over a gigantic earthquake fault and should NEVER be considered as a hazardous waste repository.

Clinton recently confiscated part of Utah and wants more; now NRC seems determined to designate the balance of the state as a waste site.

Forgive me if I seem panicked, but I have just learned that the deadline for written comments regarding this serious problem is September 21. In all fairness, please extend the deadline for another 90 days, and hold more public hearings throughout Utah. That seems a reasonable request considering that the future health and welfare of the citizens of Utah is at stake.

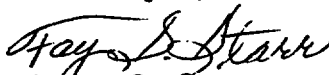
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Will you be so kind as to send me the following information:

1. A copy of the DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
2. Can you please tell me what NRC is doing to REGULATE production of the type of waste that is being shipped to Utah? It would be comforting to know that the welfare of people has a higher priority than do the profits of big business.

Thank you,


(Mrs.) Fay S. Starr

PS: The incinerators in northern Utah that are currently burning hazardous waste have had two leaks in less than six months.