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Dear Sirs,

Keep the nuclear waste out of my state! We didn't make it and we don't want it. I live in Western Central Utah and the Goshute nation is mere miles from my home. I DO NOT WANT IT! We have too many things out here that could jeopardize a nuclear storage facility. To name a few: Hill Air Force Base training grounds, Thiokol, Tooele Weapons Incinerators, who knows how many government installations, and more.

I am sure that you have realized the potential holocaust that could happen should a train or a truck carrying these products crash. Because of this the waste will most likely be sent along the least populated routes, some of which might be Highway 50 and the west desert rail system. Both of which I LIVE ON! I have lived all 18 years of my life in Utah and I am proud of my state! Intermountain Power Project, a fossil fuel power plant, supplies the jobs for about 50% of my hometown and we are proud of our plant. It has one of, if not the cleanest smelter system in the world. This is what clean power production is about. Yes, nuclear power does not produce smoke and carbon dioxide, but if our plant ever blows up we haven't destroyed the lives of the next seven generations of people and the crops of the next twenty.

Perhaps once the waste does reach its home in the Goshute Nation that it will have adequate storage facilities, but you can not guarantee the same for the shipping. A year or so back a semi-truck rolled over on Interstate 15 just outside of Mona, Utah, a small town only 20 or 30 miles south of Provo. This truck was carrying toxic chemicals and gases. This roll over was so serious that the freeway was shut down and the town was ready for evacuation had any wind picked up at all. This was a truck of chemicals, not Chernobyl on wheels. PFS may say that transportation is safe in all of its facets, but it can't control nature. I have studied the shipping routes that the waste would come upon and they DO run through the mid-west. You don't have to watch too many tornado reports before you'll see a semi tractor trailer rolled over and mangled in a borrow ditch, courtesy of Mother Nature. It doesn't take much time to see what happens when trucks get caught in freak blizzards coming over the Rocky or Sierra Mountains and slide off of the road. And I myself have talked with truckers who have admitted to falling asleep at the wheel and wrecking. And these instances don't even mention such things as accidents that are caused by "the other guy" or possible terrorist moves.

In summary, we didn't produce the crap, and we don't want it! Keep it where it was produced. They have the best means of storing it, and it would never have to be transported. Utah does not want the nation's leftovers.

Sincerely,

Chandler Whipple, Utahn for life.

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