

org: connie
cc: drn

Provo Municipal Council Office
351 West Center Street
P.O. Box 1849
Provo, Utah 84603
801-852-6120
FAX 801-852-6121

The City of
Provo, Utah



June 21, 2000

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Licensing Board

Dear Sirs:

Cindy L. Richards
Council Chair
Southwest District VI

Dennis W. Poulsen
Vice Chair
Southeast District V

Gregory A. Hudnall
Councilmember
City-Wide, District I

Stan Lockhart
Councilmember
City-Wide, District II

Mark G. Hathaway
Councilmember
City-Wide, District III

Paul R. Warner
Councilmember
Northeast, District IV

Barbara Sandstrom
Councilmember
Northwest, District VII

We of the Provo Municipal Council are taking this opportunity to inform the Licensing Board that we are very much against the proposed high level nuclear waste storage facility on the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indian reservation, Utah.

We are concerned about its affect on Utah, the military bombing range and the Indian reservation. But more importantly, we are very concerned about the transportation and the fact that no state or local officials will have any input into the selected transportation routes. The rail head from Colorado to Skull Valley comes directly through Provo City. Where the public health, safety and welfare are at stake, we are bound by law to take an interest. It is our best estimation that residents of Provo will be in some danger from this material. Furthermore, we do not have the capability as a city to deal with any mishaps that may occur. The proposal has this storage facility considered as a temporary facility. We do not believe that once nuclear waste material is moved to a storage area, even temporarily, it will ever be relocated. There is scarce evidence to suggest that residents of Provo and of Utah will not be affected in some way by the radiation from these rods. By having the large volume of nuclear waste placed in one location, a radiation threat will exist for all Utahns. We are also concerned about the safety of the storage containers.

We regret that we cannot be there personally to attend your hearing, but please be advised that on behalf of Provo residents and as their elected officials we are adamantly opposed to the location of this nuclear storage facility.

Thank you for your consideration,

Provo City Council

Cindy Richards
Provo Municipal Council Chairperson