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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose the importation and burial of depleted uranium in Utah. Utah should not become the nation's dumping ground for hazardous radiological waste and other toxic materials. Burying depleted uranium in Utah's west desert in an area that has historically been a flooded lake bed, makes little sense given that: (1) the waste will remain hazardous for thousands of years; and (2) it will convert slowly to a soluble oxide form over time.

What in the world is our state government thinking? Clearly, it is not thinking about future generations of Utahns who will have to deal with this problem. The proposed project is an outrageous example of the short-term thinking that is crippling our society. That burying depleted uranium in our west desert represents a workable solution to the radiological waste issue because "we'll be gone before it becomes a problem" is an irresponsible cop-out that smacks of back room deals between our state government and Energy Solutions. Energy Solutions may make a bundle in the short-term. But Utah's citizens will lose in both the short- and the long-terms.

Utahns, specifically Utah's Down Winders, have suffered in the recent past from irresponsible radiological "experiments" condoned and conducted by our government. It's time to remember the past and think hard and long-term about our future. If depleted uranium waste can be handled and stored safely, then it can be handled and stored elsewhere. There is nothing in this deal for Utahns in general. I strongly urge you to ban toxic and radiological waste from being imported and stockpiled in Utah.

Sincerely,



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