



ROSS C. "ROCKY" ANDERSON  
MAYOR

## SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 26, 2006

Pam Schuller  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
2370 South 2300 West  
Salt Lake City, UT 84119

Dear Ms. Schuller:

Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson and the Salt Lake City Council have shown joint purpose and historic leadership in opposition to the transportation and storage of high level nuclear waste in Utah and Nevada.

In 2001, the Mayor and the City Council passed a joint resolution opposing the proposed Private Fuel Storage (PFS) interim storage facility. The risks posed by transportation, the potential for temporary storage to become permanent, and the proximity to the Air Force Test Training Range were the primary reasons for our opposition.

In 2002, another joint resolution was passed opposing federal approval of the Yucca Mountain National Nuclear Waste Repository. The concerns centered again on the dangers posed by transportation and the potential for the PFS Facility to become permanent storage for excess waste.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is considering the PFS request for a right-of-way to build a rail line across public lands and to build a transfer station immediately adjacent to I-80 to move hazardous materials from rail cars to oversized semi-trucks. Mayor Anderson and the Salt Lake City Council oppose any decision to grant the rail and intermodal site right-of-ways. Both options present great danger to the public and are inappropriate uses of our public lands.

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The enclosed 2006 Salt Lake City Joint Resolution is the City's most recent official public statement in opposition to both PFS applications that are presently being considered by the BLM. We have also enclosed the two previous resolutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross C. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ross C. Anderson  
Mayor

Dave L. Buhler  
City Council Chair

attachments: Resolution \_\_\_, 2006  
Resolution 7, 2001  
Resolution 35, 2002

cc:

## *Nuclear Waste Storage*

*Declaration of opposition to the Private Fuel Storage request for a right-of-way to transport and transfer high-level nuclear waste on public lands.*

*WHEREAS, the Salt Lake City Mayor and the City Council passed Resolution 7 of 2001 in opposition to the “Proposed placement of a high level nuclear waste storage facility in Utah;” and*

*WHEREAS, Private Fuel Storage (PFS) has been granted a license by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to store up to 4,000 casks of high level nuclear waste (HLNW), about 50 miles from Salt Lake City, on the Skull Valley Indian Reservation in Tooele County; and*

*WHEREAS, PFS has requested right-of-way access over public lands from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and*

*WHEREAS, PFS has requested a right-of-way to build a 32 mile rail line for transport of HLNW to the Skull Valley Indian Reservation; and*

*WHEREAS, the recently designated Cedar Mountain Wilderness Area prohibits the BLM from granting PFS a right-of-way for the rail corridor; and*

*WHEREAS, PFS has applied for a right-of-way to build an intermodal transfer station to move casks containing HLNW from rail cars to oversized semi-trailer trucks at I-80 and Rowley Junction; and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed intermodal site is unauthorized by and inconsistent with the Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP); and*

*WHEREAS, according to the RMP “no further authorizations will be made for the treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste on public lands” (RMP at 4); and*

*WHEREAS, utilities can store HLNW in dry casks at reactor sites; and*

*WHEREAS, encumbering public lands for 50 years for an unnecessary transfer station or rail corridor is not an appropriate or beneficial use of public lands; and*

*WHEREAS, the transfer of casks containing HLNW immediately adjacent to I-80 presents a national security risk as a target for terrorism; and*

*WHEREAS, the transfer of casks containing HLNW immediately adjacent to I-80 presents a safety hazard to citizens of Utah for reasons cited in Resolution 7 of 2001.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:*

*that the Salt Lake City Council and the Mayor affirm their opposition to the PFS request for right-of-way access to public lands and call on the BLM to deny these requests because they are inconsistent with BLM management of public lands, contrary to the public interest, and pose tremendous health, safety, and security risks to residents of Salt Lake City and the State of Utah.*

*Passed by the City Council and the Mayor this 2nd day of May, 2006.*

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*Ross C. "Rocky" Anderson  
Salt Lake City Mayor*

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*David L. Buhler, District Six  
Salt Lake City Council Member, Chair*

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*Van Blair Turner, District Two  
Salt Lake City Council Member, Vice Chair*

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Salt Lake City Council Member*

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*K. Eric Jergensen, District Three  
Salt Lake City Council Member*

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*Nancy Saxton, District Four  
Salt Lake City Council Member*

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*Jill Remington Love, District Five  
Salt Lake City Council Member*

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*Søren D. Simonsen, District Seven  
Salt Lake City Council Member*