

**RESOLUTION URGING COOPERATION ON
SITING OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE FACILITY**

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Eli H. Anderson

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE ENCOURAGING FEDERAL REGULATORS, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS AND AGENCIES, AND UTAH'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO CONSIDER THE IMPACT ANY NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE FACILITY IN SKULL VALLEY WILL HAVE ON PRIVATE LAND OWNERS IN SKULL VALLEY, AND ENCOURAGING MITIGATION OF EFFECTS THE FACILITY WOULD HAVE ON THESE PROPERTIES.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS Private Fuel Storage, a consortium of out-of-state utilities, has proposed to establish a nuclear waste storage facility on the territory of the Skull Valley Goshute Tribe located in Skull Valley, Tooele County, Utah;

WHEREAS such a storage facility would have a significant impact on private land owners in Skull Valley, including potential impacts on water quality and quantity, current and potential farming and ranching activities, transportation, quality of living, health, safety, general welfare, loss of future opportunities associated with the land, and impacts on the current and future value of the property;

WHEREAS the consortium has ignored these impacts in its license application and has not been willing to appropriately deal with the private land owners in Skull Valley;

WHEREAS it is reasonable to expect that the consortium will provide economic mitigation of the impact on the Skull Valley Goshute Tribal land, including direct compensation to the tribe;

WHEREAS the private land owners in Skull Valley will have similar impacts to those of the Skull Valley Goshute Tribe and should therefore have those impacts mitigated and be fully compensated by the consortium for the loss of value to their property; and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of the state as a whole to protect and preserve these ranching and farming lands:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the United States Congress, Utah's congressional delegation, any federal or state courts or agencies involved to ensure that private land owners in Skull Valley be considered in any analysis of impacts of any proposed nuclear storage facility and be fully compensated by the consortium for the loss of value to their property and any damages, including lost opportunities, they will suffer as a result of the proposal to establish, or the actual establishment, of a nuclear waste interim storage facility in Skull Valley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Skull Valley Goshute Tribe, the Private Fuel Storage Consortium, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the United States Congress, the Department of Energy, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, and Utah's congressional delegation.