

1                                   **RESOLUTION OPPOSING TRANSPORT AND**  
2                                   **STORAGE OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL**

3                                   2006 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson**

6                                   House Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

10           This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor strongly opposes the  
11   transportation to and storage of spent nuclear fuel at Skull Valley, Utah.

12   **Highlighted Provisions:**

13           This resolution:

- 14           ▶ strongly opposes the transportation to and storage of spent nuclear fuel at Skull  
15   Valley;
- 16           ▶ declares the unacceptable risk to the health and safety of the citizens of Utah of  
17   transporting spent nuclear fuel on the Skull Valley Road; and
- 18           ▶ urges the citizens of Utah to provide comment to the Bureau of Land Management  
19   by telephone, e-mail, and mail expressing opposition to Private Fuel Storage's  
20   application to use Bureau of Land Management land for the construction and  
21   operation of the proposed Private Fuel Storage intermodal transfer facility.

22   **Special Clauses:**

23           None

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25   *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

26           WHEREAS, Private Fuel Storage has received a license from the Nuclear Regulatory  
27   Commission to store up to 44,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel in 4,000 casks at the Skull Valley



28 Indian Reservation in Tooele County, Utah;

29 WHEREAS, under the Private Fuel Storage license, the only remaining viable route to  
30 transport the spent nuclear fuel casks from the main railroad line at Rowley Junction to the  
31 Skull Valley Reservation is to transport the casks by truck from a proposed Private Fuel  
32 Storage intermodal transfer facility to be located on public land owned by the Bureau of Land  
33 Management (BLM) using the Skull Valley Road;

34 WHEREAS, Private Fuel Storage has made an application to the BLM for a permit to  
35 use BLM public land for its proposed intermodal transfer facility; and

36 WHEREAS, the BLM has authorized a 90-day public comment period that will expire  
37 on May 8, 2006, to receive public comment on Private Fuel Storage's application to use BLM  
38 land for Private Fuel Storage's proposed intermodal transfer facility:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
40 Governor concurring therein, strongly oppose the use of public lands owned by the BLM to  
41 facilitate the transfer and storage of spent nuclear fuel.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor declare that the  
43 transport of spent nuclear fuel on public roads is wholly impractical, and that the transport and  
44 operation of the proposed intermodal transfer facility present an unacceptable risk to the health  
45 and safety of the citizens of Utah.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor strongly urge the  
47 citizens of Utah to take advantage of the opportunity to comment by telephone (Pam Schuller  
48 at 1-801-977-4356), e-mail, and mail (Bureau of Land Management, Attention Pam Schuller,  
49 Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119), expressing their  
50 opposition to Private Fuel Storage's application to use BLM land for the construction and  
51 operation of the proposed Private Fuel Storage intermodal transfer facility.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Bureau of  
53 Land Management, The Tribal Executive Committee of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute  
54 Indians, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Private Fuel Storage.

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**Legislative Review Note**

as of 2-28-06 2:52 PM

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**  
**Bill Number SCR005**

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**State Impact**

Mailing requirements of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**