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Radiation Control Board:

I have been a resident of Utah for over thirty years and am deeply concerned about shipments of radioactive waste, specifically Depleted Uranium, to Utah. Today we need to work hard to protect our citizens and future generations from exposure to radiation and contamination.

Therefore, I stand behind and support the Board's course of action to devise a new rule to ensure that no depleted uranium comes to our state in advance of the completion of very thorough public health studies and performance assessments. A new rule should also take into account when the levels of peak dosage occur. The fact that there are underground streams and aquifers, and that our state is prone to earthquake and earth movement on a regular basis should be taken into account. Since we have other ongoing geological processes, such as erosion and flooding, these should be calculated as well.

In summary, I am opposed to having one or more companies jeopardize the residents of Utah by bringing toxic and radioactive wastes into our state. Depleted uranium only gets hotter as the years go by, and there is no way to prevent this escalation of radioactivity. Please pass rules and regulations to protect our citizens and our future children from this serious problem. Your prescient and protective regulatory actions today may prevent serious disaster in the future, so please think very carefully about this issue.

Sincerely,

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