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Utah Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Radiation Control
Room 212, Airport East Business Building (Bldg #2)
168 North 1950 West.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4850



To: Department of Environmental Quality

Re: Public Hearing on proposed rule w.r.t. depleted uranium disposal

As a Utah resident and business owner, I expect the DEQ to protect the people of Utah, business development, tourism, and future generations from the threat of radioactive waste, exposure and contamination.

I support the Board's commitment to create strong policies and laws to guarantee the people of Utah that no depleted uranium comes into our state - without first completing rigorous public health studies, along with thorough assessments of all entities involved in the storage transaction. A new rule is urgently needed; and it must include projections for exposure timelines, as well as the threats to our population and enterprises posed by statistically significant seismic activity and flood scenarios.

Please take a strong stance in favor of rigorous hearings, scientific assessment, and new legal guidelines regarding depleted uranium. Please also move forward quickly with a thorough review of ALL parties engaged in the approval process, transfer, and storage of radioactive and hazardous waste in Utah.

It's shocking that no rule currently exists to protect tax-payers, businesses, and generations-to-come from all present and future hazards posed by the ultimate storage of 700,000 tons of depleted uranium. In a down economy, do we really want state business development shackled to the "radioactive Utah" brand?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colleen K. Barnes". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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