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State of Utah

GARY R. HERBERT
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

March 18, 2019

The Honorable Brad Wilson
Speaker of the House

and

The Honorable Stuart Adams
President of the Senate

Dear Speaker Wilson and President Adams,

I have allowed HB 220, Radioactive Waste Amendments to become law without my signature.

I have had reservations about how this legislation came forward. Nonetheless, I recognize the need to address challenges of dealing with modifying standards at the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission by creating a robust site-based performance assessment standard for Utah. This bill does that.

Most importantly, before depleted uranium can be accepted and stored in Utah, this bill requires the federal government to accept long-term care and maintenance of the waste.

Public safety is my primary concern with the issue of radioactive waste. With the modifications that have been made to this bill, I believe public safety is protected and it will be more difficult for depleted uranium to come into Utah than under current law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Herbert".

Gary R. Herbert
Governor