



OFFICE OF

Kane County Commission

KANAB, UTAH 84741

Kane County Resolution Number 2007-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KANE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH, OPPOSING THE DIVINE STRAKE TEST AT THE NEVADA TEST SITE

WHEREAS, the duly elected Board of Commissioners is responsible for the health, safety, and life quality of Kane County's residents and visitors and considers any danger to civilians resulting from the proposed Divine Strake Test unacceptable: and

WHEREAS, the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency propose to detonate 700 tons of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil at the Nevada Test Site knowing the detonation will eject radio active particles deposited from previous nuclear tests conducted at the Nevada Test Site into the atmosphere: and

WHEREAS, Southern Utah and Kane County residents, known as Downwinders, have suffered, and are still suffering, debilitating illnesses and death from exposure to radioactive materials deposited across Southern Utah by prevailing winds as a result of nuclear tests conducted at the Nevada Test Site from 1951 until 1992: and

WHEREAS, federal agency assurances that no radioactive materials would be ejected into the atmosphere were recently corrected acknowledging that contaminated soil carried by wind from the open-air test would deliver a "radiological dose" to surrounding populated areas but that the level of exposure will not be "significant:" and

WHEREAS, similar federal agency assurances that previous weapons tests at the Nevada Test Site were safe resulted in the death of more than 15,000 people and injury to many times more across the 48 contiguous United States and into Canada: and

WHEREAS, widespread mistrust concerning the proposed Divine Strake Test results from the lack of certainty in accurately predicting how much toxic material will be redistributed into the air, where it will go, on whom it will land, and what its deadly effects might ultimately be to those exposed to radioactive dust ejected into the atmosphere by the test: and

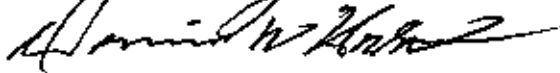
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, because of the potential threat to life, health, and safety of Kane County residents and visitors, the Board of Commissioners of Kane County opposes the Divine Strake Test and other similar tests at the Nevada Test Site:
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners proposes that the Divine Strake Test and similar conventional weapons tests be conducted at sites not previously contaminated by radioactive materials in order to eliminate the possibility that Americans will, once again, be exposed to radiation underestimated as to its devastation upon those exposed.

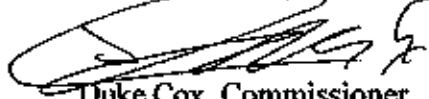
Approved this 29th day of January by the Board of Commissioners of Kane County,
Utah



Mark W. Habbeshaw, Chairman



Daniel W. Hulet, Commissioner



Duke Cox, Commissioner