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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

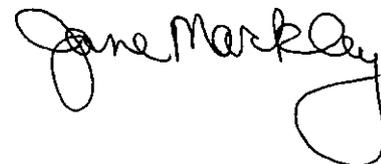
This letter is in regarding the storage of spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste at the proposed Yucca Mountain Site.

First of all, I believe the waste should be stored in the backyards of the people who produced it. There is no reason to think that this toxic material can safely be shipped cross-country without serious mishap. There have been two train derailments in Missouri, within the past 6 months. Shipping by train cannot be considered a safe option. Shipping toxic chemicals across the Midwest by truck would be even more dangerous, especially in these times of terrorist attacks on our country. These materials should be held in the states that produced them; since those states are the ones who have enjoyed whatever benefits they may have produced.

Secondly, STOP producing this toxic material today! If there is no way to decontaminate this material, we should stop producing more and more of it. The hazards far outweigh any benefits. It is ridiculous to think that adequate measures can be taken to safely store large amounts of this toxic waste for thousands of years. STOP NOW.

Lastly, the Yucca Mountains are located on a well-known earthquake fault and would be a very unstable site for storage of this type of materials. In addition, this area is considered Sacred Ground by many American Indian tribes of the Southwest. Hasn't this country stolen enough from the Native American tribes? Why does the Department of Energy choose to disregard the rights of People who have already been "governed" to near extinction by the United States?

Concerned citizen,



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