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Ms. Hanlon,

Please accept the following attachment.

Thanks in advance.

James Israel

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October 12, 2001

Ms. Carol Hanlon  
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified it as a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation. In Illinois alone, there are (7) sites that have been safely storing high-level radioactive waste since as early as the late 1960's.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

It's time to look to the future and the future is now. Nuclear power represents twenty percent of the generation capacity in the U.S. and allows for less dependency on the unpredictability of foreign fuel supplies. Not to mention it's positive effects on the earth's ozone layer. We will need to continue to invest and utilize this technology in order to meet future electricity demand and environmental objectives.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

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