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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I here by request you 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 from all the nuclear power plants in USA.

Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified 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. Most of the Nuclear Power plants are running out of place to store the spent fuel in the fuel pool built in the plant. Quad CITIES Station where I am working, will need additional storage place by 2006. Similar to our other station Dresden, we will need to build special facility to store it in dry cask at the plant. It will also require tight security considering current events.

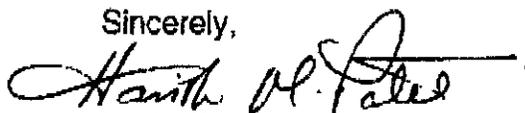
Security alone should be the reason to store all spent fuels at one location. I am concerned about the required quality of security at different power plants. We know that we can design and provide highest quality of security if only one site is designated for storage of spent fuel.

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.

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

Sincerely,



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