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Dear Ms. Carol Hanlon,

I am writing to ask you not to ship high level nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for storage. Since we haven't figured out how to safely dispose of nuclear waste, let's keep it in the location where it is generated. A better idea is to stop generating nuclear waste.

The Dept of Energy should put its effort into developing alternative sources of energy. Solar & wind energy could be further developed. Recently, I heard of a new plant in Carthage, MO, that changes poultry waste into high quality oil - what an interesting idea!

Given the recent concern about terrorism, it certainly doesn't make sense to ship nuclear waste on the railroads (or in trucks). Just last May, a freight train derailed in my community, spilling the contents of 13 coal cars - these accidents happen even without terrorism.

Thank you for your time.

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