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In spite of the fact that the DOE has recently issued two new reports supporting Yucca Mountain as a repository for high-level radioactive waste, as a citizen of St. Louis, I must say I do not agree with the DOE's risk assessments, and I do not want such waste transported through my community.

First, Yucca Mountain is not a geologically stable storage site. Because of the incredibly long life of such radioactive waste, NO ONE can guarantee volcanos or earthquakes or terrorist attacks will never disturb the waste and threaten the safety of Americans.

Second, St. Louisans deserve a thorough evaluation of the environmental impact of decades of nuclear waste traveling through our city, and yet the secrecy surrounding the planned transport routes deprives us of information critical to our well-being. We have no choice then but to oppose the selection of Yucca Mountain as a repository and oppose the transport of radioactive waste on railway lines and highways which have played host to a number of collisions and accidents in recent years, one as recently as May 31, 2001.

I urge the DOE to explore a better option for the safety of all Americans: storing waste at existing nuclear reactor sites. Let each state or community decide whether or not it wishes to create a very dangerous by-product of nuclear energy, and then let that state alone contemplate living side-by-side with its radioactive waste for thousands of years. One state's waste should never put another state's citizens at risk.

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