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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 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.

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.

I hope that the recent events in California would help you to see your way through the smoke cloud that the anti-nuclear and environmental lobby put up. In California these groups worked to prevent the majority of new electric generation in that state. Now that it is too late, they understand that we need to develop new generation. You can always find a reason to prevent a sit like this no matter where you want to put it. The government needs to provide clear leadership in this case. Allow the site to be built and help the cleanest form of energy production the ability to grow.

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

Sincerely,

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