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Ms. Carol Hanlon  
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I ask you, as a manager in the Department of Energy and a representative of all Americans who wish to be free of the influences of foreign oil, to 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. I ask that the decision be made with courage and resolve so that no more American resources are squandered over political in-fighting and posturing.

The American people have made a clear choice in favor of clean, safe and American nuclear power. No process, even one as preferable as nuclear fission, can thrive with an incomplete waste stream. It is a credit to the nuclear industry that American nuclear plants have been able to survive thus far, with no long-term waste disposal alternative. Just imagine how long coal generation would last, if similar restrictions had been placed on the disposal of waste!

The terrible events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 have demonstrated to the American people how much we need to pull together. The 'not in my backyard' attitude is no longer acceptable. For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

*Dale A. Wheeler*