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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.

I am an utility employee, though not involved with nuclear operations, who has followed the issue for many years. This seems to be an on-going saga of governmental officials and agencies not following through on commitments. The Yucca Mountain site has been repeatedly evaluated, and found to be the best site in the country for the long-term storage of high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel. 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 current status of continued storage at individual sites throughout the country cannot be in the best interests of the country. Maintaining the scattered storage of high-level radioactive wastes provides increased concerns for security of the radioactive material and possible contamination in very highly populated areas. These risks can be better managed in a remote centralized facility.

Nuclear power has proved to be a valuable resource in the production of electricity without creating air and water pollution. Building additional nuclear power plants may again become important as concerns on maintaining economic growth, pollution, and global warming come to the forefront of American consciousness and then its policy. It is important that the high level waste issue is addressed for both current situations and future options.

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

Sincerely,



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