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Ms. Wendy R. Dixon,
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Dear Ms. Dixon:

1 [] I am writing regarding the shipping of spent fuel and high-level waste to Yucca Mountain. I think more harm will be done by shipping the waste than by keeping it on site where it is produced. Shipping will result in more exposure to radiation and more cancer. The containers cannot fully contain the radioactivity of the waste. I am also concerned that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed setting exposure standards which would be looser than the EPA's. I totally oppose loosening these standards. I strongly believe that hazardous waste should be dealt with where it is produced. Those who reap the benefits must deal with the costs. I strongly oppose the movement of waste. It needs to be dealt with by the community that produces it and not shoved on someone else. []

Sincerely,



Kathy O'Brien