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Dear Ms Dixon

I'm responding to your invitation for comments on the Yucca Mountain depository.

I've been involved with the NTS & Yucca Mountain since the '70s, when I was acting Deputy Director of the Defense Nuclear Agency. In my civilian life I was involved with, among others, REECO & Lockheed Environmental. In many other ways, I've been involved with the nuclear power industry.

As a scientist, I am quite familiar with the risk assessments related to the storage of high level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain as opposed to doing something else (including nothing) with it. Weighing the pros and cons

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1 continued of available options, it is clear to me that Yucca Mountain is the way to go.

I say available -- some day we may wise up and reprocess spent fuel.

2 The recent findings at LANL (Haschke, et al.) regarding oxides of Pu do not seem (to me) to be of show-stopping concern. I believe that mobility and outgassing have been adequately addressed.

Therefore, to repeat, store the stuff at the Mountain.

Sincerely

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