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RE: "Weighing Risk"
Yucca Mountain Project

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On January 20, 2000, I attended the daytime session of the hearings held by the Department of Energy which focused on a plan to ship nuclear waste cross country by train and/or truck to an underground depository in Yucca Mountain, NV. I went there to express my concerns about shipping this hazardous waste through my community—Webster Groves, MO. Once there, however, I found out that this is not an isolated local problem that would go away once a few shipments have passed through my community. This waste would be shipped across the country for an estimated period of thirty years from nuclear facilities across country, most of which are presently located in the East.

1 The DOE needs to be concentrating on devising a plan for hazardous waste disposal
2 suitable for both the government and private sector rather than try to convince citizens that it should be stored in the bowels of Yucca Mountain. Once it has been stored there, the DOE can only offer unreal and unproven long-term projections as what the consequences of such disposal would be. The TRANSPORT and STORE plan is pabulum when it comes to addressing the long-term problem. It is a problem that is larger than many of the present election campaign issues. Congress should not be resting on Laws that were passed in 1982. What might have been an acceptable two decades ago is UNACCEPTABLE.

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Section I – Losses Not Insured:

State Farm Homeowners Policy: page 10 Section f.

NUCLEAR HAZARD, meaning any nuclear reaction, radiation, or radioactive contamination, all whether controlled or uncontrolled or however caused, or any consequence of any of these. Loss caused by the nuclear hazard shall not be considered loss caused by fire, explosion or smoke.

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