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1 I wish to express my deep concern about the lack of detail available regarding potential transportation routes, to be used in transporting nuclear waste across the country, as well as through this area.

- Has a precise route been identified?
- Has it been shared with communities?
- How will transportation routes from nuclear reactors to Yucca Mountain be evaluated?
- When trucks are used, will stopping points for refueling be identified — and publicized?
- How will the waste be transported?

2 It is my understanding that the proposed transportation casks have never been full scale tested, and that only  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale models were tested.

- Is it true that the General Atomics GA4/9 casks have only recently been licensed, but none have been made yet?

3 — What assurance is there that all the conditions to be encountered in cross country transit have been adequately tested for?

- 4 — If DOE is now prohibited from engaging in cask design and production activities, whose responsibility will it be?

— What will be the relationship between DOE and the cask makers?

— Whose responsibility will be the testing?

5 — Who will be responsible for training all local agencies to handle any transportation accidents that occur?

I am sure that planning for this monumental task has presented tremendous problems.

6 I am convinced that the current planning has NOT progressed to the point where it can be safely implemented.

The unanswered questions and unsolved problems plus the very real potential for tragic consequences demand more thorough planning to avoid unexpected events. disasters.

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