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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste

Comment Sheet

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I request that these comments be made a part of the official record.

1 What constitutes a disqualifying condition or factor for the Yucca Mountain site and what specific conditions at Yucca Mountain would cause you to recommend the site be disqualified?

Since DOE has now acknowledged that the groundwater travel time at Yucca Mountain is so short that it meets the disqualifying condition in DOE's own siting guidelines, why hasn't Yucca Mountain been disqualified under the provisions of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act?

2 Will one of the three thermal load alternative designs in the EIS be the actual repository design the DOE will submit to the NRC for license application? If not, will there be an EIS supplement?

3 How will the EIS deal with the currently discussed possible range of time between waste emplacement and repository closure of 50 to 300 years?

I feel strongly opposed to shipping Nuclear Fuel and High-level Radioactive waste across the countryside to concentrate it in the Yucca Mountain area. I do not believe the risks to human lives in transport of the waste is necessary and I also do not feel it would be necessary to use Yucca Mountain to dispose of it. I agree with the "Alternative Strategy for Managing Highly Radioactive Nuclear Waste," (attached) (copier jammed...)

Please note: For your comment(s) to be considered in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, your comment(s) need to be received by the Department of Energy by February 9, 2000. To the extent practicable the Department will consider comments received after February 9. *will follow tomorrow*

Thank you for considering my opinion on this issue.

Sincerely,
Marie Poland

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