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Dear Ms. Dixon:

1 My fellow workers and friends and family are all concerned about the routes chosen to move the nuclear waste to the storage facility at Yucca Mountain. We pretty much agree that there needs to be a safe central location, but the general consensus is that your routes are extremely hazardous.

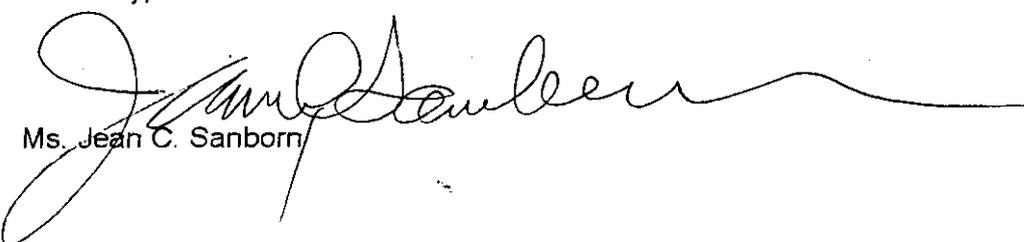
2 Your plan shows all of the various transportation routes, truck and rail, going through San Bernardino, California. There is heavy development ( homes and business ) all along the highway and rail corridors in this southern California area. Any accident where nuclear waste might be spilled would cause closure of roads and rails and loss of land use and probably loss of life.

Depending on the extent of the spill and the half life of the material involved, we might expect to lose the use of the area for hundreds of years. If this spill occurred on a major freeway or in a major rail corridor, it might cause an enormous cost of money and materials to reroute the freeways, to rebuild a major rail line, to replace surrounding businesses and homes - not to mention loss of life and recompense for loss of life.

3 Surely there must be roads that are less traveled and rail lines less heavily utilized than the ones that you chose !! Even if the distance is longer, a rail trip through the more lightly settled areas of neighboring states would be much safer. If an accident were to occur in the area of Cajon Pass, one of the most heavily used railroad passes in the West, with the worst accident record of any railroad pass in the West, there would be a total block of rail traffic to Southern California and the coastal cities until the area was sanitized ( if possible ). Even a much longer route would be less costly in the long run.

4 Please do some more planning on the routes involved. Drive / ride the routes and see the people that would be displaced.

Sincerely,

  
Ms. Jean C. Sanborn