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Dear Mr. Richardson,

1... I am writing to protest plans to store high-level radioactive nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain. There are many cultural and environmental concerns that are being ignored or downplayed.

2 Yucca mountain is in the heart of the western Shoshone Nation, is deeply significant to the Shoshone and Paiute peoples, and ~~was~~ the land was guaranteed to them by United States treaty.

3... The Environmental Impact Statement also sidesteps the issue of transport. High level waste being shipped on highways and railroads will impact

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3 cont. over 50 million Americans. DOE projects one accident per 343 shipments. There could be 268 accidents as up to 90,000 shipments are made in the next 30 years. This level of risk is not acceptable.

4 Once the waste reaches Yucca mountain, DOE admits the steel storage cannisters will eventually leack, which along with the high probability of earthquake, will contaminate groundwater and the atmosphere with dangerous amounts of plutonium.

5 The shoshone people, a living in the area, already suffer from cancer leukemia and other diseases due to fallout from the Nevada nuclear testing facility.

6 This plan relieves utility companies of their responsibility for the radioactive waste they create and burdens the

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American taxpayer and the
6 cont. ~~indeg~~ indigenous peoples
most of all. All concerns
1 cont. must be more adequately
addressed, and other options
considered. Yucca mountain
must not be the final
resting place of Americas
most deadly garbage.
Thank-you for your
attention.

Sincerely,
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