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Dear Dr. Summerson,

1 [It is strange that only "Yucca Mountain" is being studied for a repository for the disposal  
 of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. How can the Department of  
 Energy suggest a "site" to the President of the United States when this is the only "site"  
 that has been studied?]

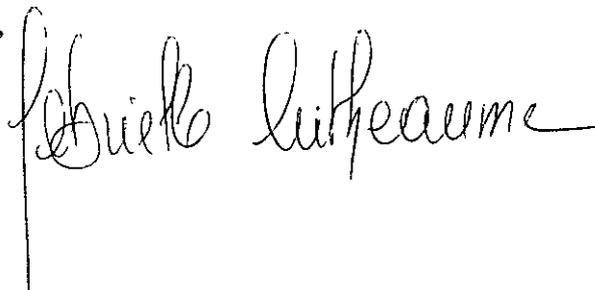
2 [Yucca Mountain is prone to earthquakes. Has the seismic risks to entomb nuclear waste  
 3 been considered? [And what about "fuel blending"? The process of mixing fuel assemblies  
 of different temperatures to lower a waste package temperature has never been done  
 before. Human error could have unknown consequences.]

4 ["Water" our precious resource in our state of Nevada will be needed, and a lot of water,  
 to store spent fuel. Have you thought of the availability of water in our desert and where  
 5 you will get it from? [Have you thought about the contamination of the water and where  
 6 will it go once it is polluted? [Another issue on water is the floods that occur during  
 summer storms. Have you done a flood plain assessment on Yucca Mountain and its  
 surroundings?]

7 [Furthermore, from "the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement", the  
 additional design work is based on the presumption that the proposed regulation on  
 Radiation Emission will be adopted. This is overhasty. How can we move forward  
 8 without final, safe, and publicly acceptable guidelines in place? [Hearings on these matters  
 should not be held only in towns like Amargosa Valley, Las Vegas, and Pahrump, but  
 throughout the state of Nevada. It will impact people in rural areas and they have the  
 right to express their opinions on these documents.]

9 [More research is needed on how to manage nuclear waste from its inception,] because  
 Nevada is not a wasteland!

Sincerely,



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