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DEAR DR. SUMMERSON,

1 I CERTAINLY DON'T ENVY YOUR TASK OF RECEIVING COMMENTS ON THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR A GEOLOGIC REPOSITORY AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN. IT SEEMS AS IF YOU'RE BEING PUT IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO RATIONALIZE AN INHERENTLY IRRATIONAL AND IRRESPONSIBLE SCHEME FOR THE STORAGE AND SHIPMENT OF 40,000 TONS OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

"OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND" SEEMS TO BE THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE, BUT ANY GOVERNMENT BODY THAT PROPOSES STORING WASTE AT A SITE WITH 33 EARTHQUAKE ZONES IS SIMPLY, IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, OUT OF ITS MIND!

2 IN ADDITION, THE UNAVOIDABLY RISKY TRANSPORTATION SCHEME POSES A MORE PERSISTENT THREAT TO OUR NATION THAN THE THREAT FOR WHICH THE "STAR WARS" MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED.

3 THE ONLY LOGICAL AND FAIR SOLUTION IS ON SITE STORAGE OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUELS. EVERY REGION SHOULD BE AWARE OF AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF ITS OWN NUCLEAR ENERGY CONSUMPTION.

SINCERELY,
Bob Sutton