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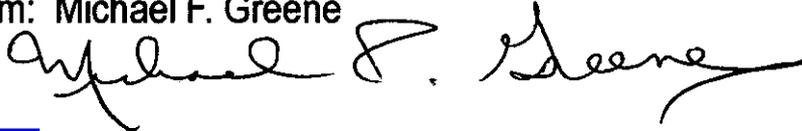
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To: U.S. Department of Energy - Comment Regarding the Supplement to the Draft Environment Impact Statement

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1 | I am writing this to inform you of my adamant opposition to the inexorable headlong rush to store nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain. There are, of course, many objections, ranging from Yucca Mountain's documented geologic instability, to the potential of groundwater contamination. Neither of this issues in all their complexity were adequately addressed in the DEIS, nor in the Supplement.

2 | As a teacher of 7th and 8th graders, I have been confronted many times by my student's doubts and concerns. If I could sum up their questions into two general areas, they might be: "Didn't they have an answer for storing the waste when the sites that create them were first conceived of?" and in a more scientific vein, "How can they put this stuff under the mountain and guarantee its safety for hundreds and hundreds of years into the future?" They may be children, but they have expressed concerns about their children's futures, as well as for the environment's. They may be children, but they fear for the future of the planet as well as for their own. Are their concerns adequately addressed in either the DEIS or the Supplement? I think not.

3 | In their names I beg of you to use sound judgement and find some safer way to deal with nuclear waste thereby assuring their future, as well as that of the rest of us, young or old. "No action" until we know more, an alternative absent from this document, would seem far saner than the present rush to "characterize the site."

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