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Dear Mr. Richardson:

I am appalled that utility companies producing nuclear power and radioactive waste are trying to pass off the disposal and storage of said waste to the federal government. And that the federal government may oblige!

Transport to and storage at Yucca Mountain would threaten human and environmental safety and violate the US treaty which guarantees to the Western Shoshone Nation the land upon which Yucca Mt. rests.

Please hold these utility companies responsible for onsite storage of the radioactive waste they produce. Furthermore, they should be held accountable for any liabilities resulting from improper storage.

It is my hope that the complexity of disposing of radioactive waste will put an end to nuclear generated power. The cost to the environment, public health and the expense of trying to accomplish the impossible – "safe" disposal of radioactive waste – makes nuclear power neither a clean nor inexpensive source of power when it's all said and done.

Please force these companies to take personal responsibility for their actions. Responsibility is something that is sadly lacking in our society, and help from the government is needed.

Sincerely,
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