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To: Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director
Office of Civilian Radioactive
Waste Management:

If Yucca Mountain, Nevada is still being considered as our (U.S.) repository for spent fuel and high level radioactive waste, then why are there articles that claim nuclear power is safe and reliable, with low production costs?

The idea about safe, reliable and lower production costs for nuclear power, comes from an article in the Salt Lake Tribune (9/9/2001) by Gary Sandquist who says he is a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Utah.

Gary Sandquist has written other articles and had them published, but has been claiming other education titles. I suspect he is one of the persons hired by the NRC to

keep an eye on, and to test the pulse of Utahns about the "dumping" of highly radioactive wastes in and near the "wide open spaces" of Utah and Nevada.

If as Mr. Sandquist writes, that the ^{NRC} ~~has~~ has certified three designs for advanced (or modified) designs for nuclear plants, then it would appear that U.S. does not now need a repository. Whoever is able to clean up the dangers should be sent in to get rid of nuclear waste.

This idea is a very "infuriating fumy". What they and President Bush are trying to do are to soften U.S. citizens to the point that we will agree to bring to life again the practicing on the U.S. citizenry ^{with} the use of deadly atomic weapons—open air testing, underground testing, building of "advanced" IGW nuclear power plants.

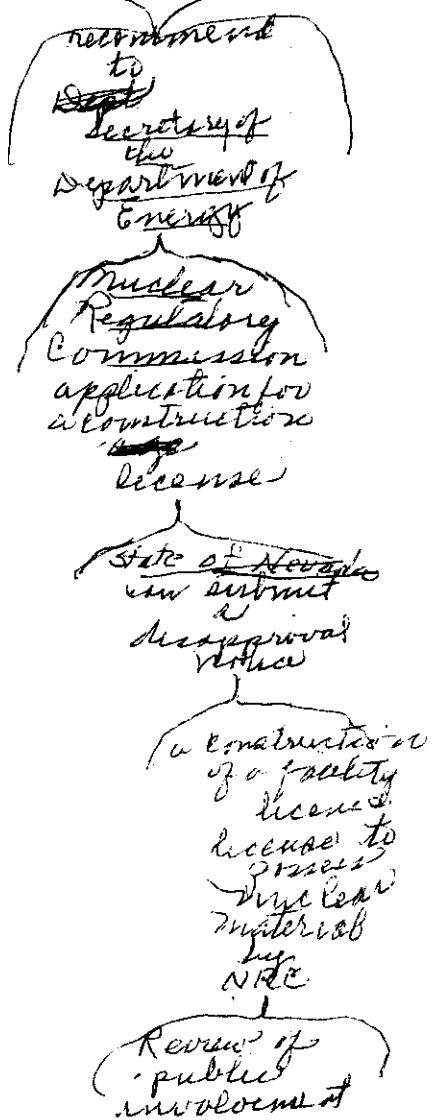
I do not wish to negate or to approve any of the Energy Department's ideas. The Department has spent almost 20 years and over \$6.7 billion on Yucca Mountain. My concern has to do with the bigger problem of the United States

beginning again to make and test nuclear weapons and nuclear plants. ~~No one~~, absolutely no one, knows the consequences to ~~the~~ people and the earth, if the U.S. puts all that very deadly waste into one burial ground. And certainly to suggest ~~that~~ that the U.S. should begin to make nuclear power the center of our military, and the center of our electrical problem is irrational when we cannot even agree where all this deadly man-made nuclear waste is going to be buried.—that build-up ~~as~~ new of nuclear power for military and electrical problems will begin to accumulate more deadly nuclear waste.

Since the Yucca Mountain repository for spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste is an absolutely first of its kind dealing with man-made nuclear waste deadly to all living animal, plant, etc. the first of its kind, no one can speak with absolute certainty on any of the six suggested topics for public comment on Yucca Mountain as to whether it is a suitable "burial ground."

the Office of
Acting Director of Civilian
Radioactive Waste
Management

Steps for Approval
of Radioactive Waste
to Legally dispose of
radioactive waste.



Who many
people involved
in critical decision
making process for
such a deadly product.

Sincerely,
Louise Hess