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Ms. Carol Hanlon  
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Due to the current situation in America, I believe that the high level nuclear waste (ie: spent fuel rods) in the fuel pools could be a potential target for terrorists. It would be catastrophic; to say the least, should one of the fuel pools at any nuclear site be targeted. If the fuel were to be exposed to the air (ie: no water in the pool for shielding), the amount of radioactivity released to public could be disastrous.

It is a far better option to store high-level radioactive waste at one location than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation where it is much more vulnerable to terrorist attacks. Let's put it all in one secure spot to protect the public.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,  
Kevin L. Simmons

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