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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.

I spent 2 years of my career at Exelon working as the Engineer responsible for the spent fuel cask (Transnuclear TN-68) for PBAPS. There was a considerable amount of effort and money spent on this project, which quite frankly, should not have been needed if the government had resolved the storage issue. As I am sure you are aware of, due to deregulation and increased competition electric utilities have many other issues to resolve and areas to improve without the increased burden of additional projects.

Many years of effort and significant money have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a much more cost effective option than continuing to accumulate and maintain spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 individual sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry and government has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

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

Sincerely,

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