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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.

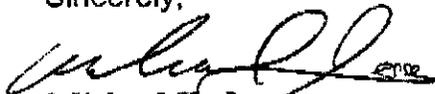
Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Enough time and money has been spent to make this recommendation with the assurance that it is in the best interest of the US and its citizens. Although a number of activist groups oppose the use of this site, none of them can propose a better solution. Thus, I must believe that their primary intention in opposing the site is one of personal selfishness in an attempt to disrupt the nuclear industry as a whole and not, as claimed, in ensuring the safety of the American public. Securely storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel safely 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. Combine these facts with the security and control of a single national repository for spent fuel and even I would feel comfortable living in close proximity to the site.

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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