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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.

Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Although 70 sites throughout the nation safely store spent fuel in storage pools and/or in dry storage, storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option.

The nuclear industry 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 Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation (PSSE) and its underlying reports provide a comprehensive evaluation of the Yucca Mountain site. The PSSE and its companion documents find conclusively that disposal at Yucca Mountain is scientifically sound.

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

Sincerely,

Lois A. Jordan

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