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6 MS. IRETE: My first name is Sharlene,

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8 I'm opposed to the dumping of nuclear waste in

9 Nevada. Nevada shouldn't be the nation's dump site for

10 several reasons: Nevada doesn't use nuclear energy. Why

11 should it bear the danger for other states that benefit

12 from nuclear energy?

13 There has been research that shows that Yucca

14 Mountain is a seismically-active area. People are right to

15 feel wary about large amounts of toxic materials being

16 stored in an area that could be affected by earthquakes.

17 There are over a million people who use the

18 water supply that could be poisoned by storage canisters

19 being damaged as a result of an earthquake or volcano.

20 People are rightfully wary of plans to transport

21 toxic waste through their towns. While I doubt that the

22 canisters are infallible, I know that people aren't, and

23 people will be handling or driving nuclear waste through

24 my town.

25 Most importantly, I feel that just dumping

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1 nuclear waste doesn't address the situation that nuclear

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2 energy is not a safe and efficient form of energy. If
3 people had to face the facts that the by-product of their
4 cheap energy could kill them and affect their environment
5 and children for years to come, they would demand more
6 research for other safer forms of energy.

7 The money thrown at researching a possible site,
8 I feel could have been better used for developing
9 alternative sources of energy use for the United States.

10 My opposition goes beyond, "Not in my backyard"; my
11 comment would more accurately be, "Not on my planet." And
12 that's it.