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October 15, 2001

Ms. Carol Hanlon
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to express my support for the Department of Energy (DOE) to 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.

Siting a national disposal facility has been a contentious and expensive undertaking and the DOE has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at a single location is a safer and more cost effective 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 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 DOE to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Berdelle
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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