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 Subject: Yucca Mountain - No Nuclear Waste Site

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to plead with planners NOT to use Yucca Mt. as a nuclear waste site - and for these reasons:

- 1 [1. The site is NOT isolated from human population. Pahrump and Las Vegas, NV, are among the fastest growing populations in the U.S. Amargosa Valley at the base of the mountain is home to the largest dairy, providing milk all the way to Las Angeles; it shares the aquifer with Yucca Mt.]
 - 2 [2. Only some of the land is controlled by the U.S. Air Force, and all of it is within the treaty lands of the Western Shoshone nation, ratified by Congress in 1863. The Yucca Mt. Project is part of ongoing human rights violations against the Western Shoshone.]
 - 3 [3. Contrary to the belief that Yucca Mt. is in one of the most arid regions in the U.S., when rain comes it is often in flash floods that travel fast. Any escaping radionuclides that reach the surface can travel down the Amargosa River channel. Climate conditions appear to be changing rapidly and a high-level nuclear waste repository must be able to isolate the waste for hundreds of thousands of years. This region is expected to experience future climate cycles, including ice ages and wetter conditions.]
 - 4 [4. The presumed "closed" hydrogeologic basin covers thousands of square miles and is inhabited by many communities, the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, and Death Valley National Park, which is visited by 1 million a year - all relying on groundwater for survival. The Amargosa River, which is fed by all pathways on both sides of Yucca Mt., is considered the third largest in the western United States, and parts of it run year round above ground; fast pathways from Yucca Mt. to area springs are used for drinking water by many.]
- 5 [In the light of these geologic and other conditions conencted with Yucca Mt., I urge you NOT to consider Yucca Mt. as a viable site for storing nuclear waste.]

Sincerely,

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