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Dear Ms. Dixon:

1 The selection of Yucca Mountain as a dumpsite for high-level radioactive waste is an egregious error that will threaten coming generations with impure air and water poisoned by radioactive waste. Yucca Mountain dump is a leaking, earthquake-prone hole in the ground under the mountain. It should not be our nation's high-level nuclear waste dump because it is too likely to leak into groundwater and rivers nearby, such as the Colorado River, a source of water for Los Angeles.

2... Furthermore, it is outrageous for EPA and NRC to fail to require

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2 cont. compliance to radiation dose standards for 12 miles around the dumpsite! The NRC and EPA should require compliance on-site or at the boundary of the dumpsite. Also, NRC and EPA plan to require compliance for only 10,000 years! 300,000 years would be much more realistic!

Who should set the radiation standards for Yucca Mt.? The NRC is not the one to do so because it has ties with the nuclear industry. They have proposed the weaker standards, so EPA should set the standards. The EPA has proposed stronger standards than the NRC, but even these standards are too weak. The EPA should strengthen its standards!

This is not a fictional fantasy; it is a matter of life and death! Reject
3 Yucca Mountain as a dumpsite. Consider sending this waste into space!

Sincerely,

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