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Dear Ms. Dixon,

1... I strongly object to nuclear waste being dumped in Yucca Mountain for  
many reasons.

2 First, I feel that this would have a negative influence on the entire economy  
of Las Vegas and lower our property values. People will not want to live in or  
travel to this area. Las Vegas thrives on tourism and would surely suffer greatly by  
the loss of these monies.

3 Secondly, the risks to health and life are unacceptable due to the possible  
contamination of the groundwater and our environment will result in approx. 18  
latent deaths a year. Any number of deaths per year related to this disposal of  
nuclear waste is completely unacceptable.

4 Thirdly, there are too many unknown variables as to what effect this  
potential pollution problem will have on the future. An good example of this is the  
way that plutonium at the test site has traveled one mile from its' test crater. It is  
inconceivable how large an area will be effected over a period of ten thousand  
years. This is also unacceptable.

5 In conclusion, I feel confident that in the future the advances made in  
technology will provide a more practical solution for the disposal of nuclear waste.

1 cont. Nevada did not create this problem and should not be used as a dumping ground.  
Especially since the consequences of this act would be extreme and long lasting.

Sincerely,



Karen Chavis