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Dear Wendy R. Dixon:

Statement on "Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada."

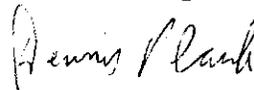
2... [The main question I have is how can we preserve the  
Earth's ecosystems? We can preserve the Earth's ecosystems  
1 by starting a new green economy] and by [not transporting  
2 cont. nuclear waste across Ohio.] We need to do this because we  
have to make progress towards a sustainable society and this  
is a good start because we have to face the problem instead  
of shipping it out of state and out of mind.

Information from "State of the World", a Worldwatch Institute report on progress towards a sustainable society and distributed by Zero Population Growth, states and shows how we can shift from our nuclear, fossil fuel, auto-centric, throwaway economy to a solar/hydrogen, bicycle/rail, replace/reduce/reuse/recycle economy. If we do this we can meet human needs while preserving the Earth's ecosystems.

We can spend more money on restoring Lake Erie, the Great Lakes and wetlands. We could eliminate the risk to ground water under Yucca Mountain. We could stop dumping waste on the people of Nevada.

In summary remember we can preserve the Earth's ecosystems by starting a new green economy and by not transporting nuclear waste across Ohio.]

Sincerely,



Dennis Plank, Chair  
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Northeast Ohio Group  
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