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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to voice our strenuous objection to the DOE proposal to ship radioactive waste materials through heavily populated areas to Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

We understand that there is risk involved whenever radioactive materials are produced, used, stored, or disposed of. It is our position, however, that the proposal currently under consideration by DOE poses unacceptable and unnecessary risks to persons and property in terms of cask safety, contamination, and terrorism. The fact that the proposal calls for shipments over a period of thirty years only exacerbates these risks.

My wife and I moved three years ago to a home in Webster Groves that is within 150 feet of a railroad track. We love our home and our neighborhood, and we enjoy the sights and sounds of the trains. We do not want to spend the next thirty years wondering if one of those trains might, either by accident or design, be the cause of a nuclear catastrophe.

We urge you to consider alternatives that would transport the radioactive waste materials through more sparsely populated areas. This seems to us to be a far more rational course of action, and one that would better serve the public interest.