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-->I am very concerned that the DOE is pushing ahead with its Yucca mountain project. I do not think the Yucca Mountain repository is the answer to our nuclear problems, and am concerned that the DEIS has not taken the time to seriously review other alternatives.

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First, the proposal to transport severely dangerous waste throughout the country poses a significant risk, which I do not believe is acceptable. Communities across the country are opposed to having this waste transported within miles or less of their homes and schools.

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In addition, Despite the natural and planned barriers to water contamination, there is no guarantee that our water will be safe 1000 years from now. We have seen human error cause serious, unforeseen accidents at nuclear facilities across the US and around the world. I believe waste should be stored

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9 above ground in more easily monitorable and accessible areas (preferably on-site)
so we can more easily prevent its escape into the environment.

4 In regards to the question of Environmental Justice, the DEIS has
provided no response to the statement from Native Americans. The
Yucca Mountain project has already harmed land sacred to the
Western Shoshone by drilling a five mile tunnel into the mountain.
Burying waste there will only further violate treaties which have never given
the US ownership of these lands. The US continues to dishonor and
disrespect the Native people of this country by proposing projects
such as these and ignoring the wishes of indigenous groups. It remains
in our power to CHOOSE to honor and address those wishes.

5 We have all seen the problems produced by nuclear energy. No one
wants to live near a reactor, let alone a waste dump. We have seen this
as no new reactors have been built in the last 20 or so years. It is time that
the DOE look at the bigger picture and instead of merely searching for
ways to put waste out of site an out of mind, do a little source reduction.
Any plan to manage wastes as dangerous as these should include plans to stop
its reduction- i.e. close down operating reactors over the coming years and
dedicate money to promoting energy conservation and alternative energy sources.

6 We have already spent millions on Yucca Mtn. Let us not decide that it would
now be a waste of that money not to proceed with the project. Let us think
of generations to come. Certainly we are violating the environmental rights of the
unborn.

7 That too is a type of environmental injustice. In one thousand years, many things can
happen. Yucca
Mountain is located in a seismicly active area. It is not safe.

8 Therefore I believe the DEIS should consider other alternatives.

Thank-you,
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