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Ms. Dixon,

- 1 This letter is to express my opposition to the shipping of spent radioactive fuel rods and subsequent storage of these rods at the Yucca Mountain Site.
- 2 I live in Columbia, Missouri. Interstate 70 runs through the center of this 80,000 plus populated city. Columbia, Missouri is also halfway between Kansas City, Missouri and St. Louis, Missouri, two very large metropolitan areas. The number of accidents that occur on this stretch of I-70 is very high. Many of these accidents involved large tractor trailers. The condition of this stretch of I-70 is also very poorly maintained. It is possibly THE worst area of the entire highway. Highway construction in Columbia in the last year contributed to even more accidents because of poorly signed construction areas. Additionally, local Emergency Management personnel are NOT equipped to handle accidents, which inevitably WILL occur, involving radioactive materials.
- 3 I am sure many communities have the same concerns about transportation of radioactive materials through their communities. There is only one way to take care of the problem without transporting radioactive materials. LEAVE IT WHERE IT IS. The communities that produce this highly controversial waste product need to live with the consequences. If communities that decided to build nuclear power plants can just ship their wastes off, then they have no realization of the problems associated with this method of producing electricity. Consequently, there is no incentive to conserve energy or look for alternative sources that do not have the hazardous waste products produced in the manufacturing process.
- 4 Nuclear power plants need to be phased out. Quickly. There is no SAFE place to store spent radioactive waste. There is no SAFE way to transport the wastes. We NEED to STOP producing radioactive waste and search for alternative ways of producing electricity. The safety of our planet depends on it.

Sincerely,

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