San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

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Dear Ms. Dixon:

1 Located in the foothills of San Bernardino, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has called the desert home for more than 100 years. As did our ancestors before us, we value our relationship to Mother Earth, and our ancestral lands cover the area for which you seek to utilize.

It is with this in mind that we speak our concern over the potential danger that the transportation of nuclear waste could have on the land. The roads marked for transportation of this waste border our reservation and potentially endanger our families and our neighbors. We cannot imagine the terrible threat that radiation could have on the land should something awful happen, such as derailment of a train or an accident with the trucks that transport this nuclear waste.

2 We ask that a more in-depth research study be done on finding alternative routes for the shipment of nuclear waste through the San Bernardino County. We cannot approve of or support anything that could bring harm to our valley, our tribe, our children or our neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

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