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Miss Wendy Dixon
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RE: PROTEST AGAINST YUCCA MOUNTAIN

Dear Miss Dixon:

1... My name is Lois Whitney, I am Western Shoshone and have residence in Elko, Nevada in Elko County. My Newe/Newah/Nemah relatives are affected by the effects of radation.

Western Shoshone People have continuously subsisted off the territory within which is located Yucca Mountain Repository. Since time immemorial they hunted, gathered and fished unobstructed within their aboriginal territory, until the coming of the Europeans.

The States United of North America in efforts to provide safe passage to their immigrant/citizens entered into the Ruby Mountain Treaty of 1863. During that part of the century our Shoshone upheld this as law of the land even though they suffered many hardships-including hunger and death through encounters with the travelers and the loss of native foods.

Historically, our people wintered in the area directly situated in and on Yucca Mountain. Radiation has destroyed human, animal and plant life and is against the dignity of the native inhabitants of the area, not to mention those who are the descendants of the earliest immigrants to this continent.

Since the late forty's our people saw a different type of hardship. One they could not scence-radiation from testing of atomic bombs. Further, many of our males lost their lives against a foreign people with whom they did not declare war outside their homeland. We saw the destruction of thousands of Japanese in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We are horrified that this destruction of another people originated in our homeland.

Unknown to those that fought abroad, their families were being affected by radiation of numerous kinds. They were never told of the effects nor warned during testing of the atomic bombs. To date many of these people have met their demise from various forms of cancer attributed to radiation.

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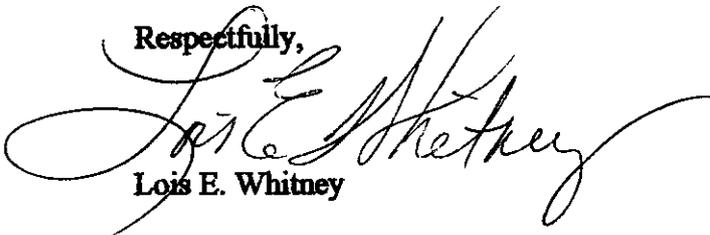
Now the results of radiation has come full circle and is being deposited back in the Shoshone homelands that it originated and as well, so are other forms of highly radiated materials.

This act of genocide is totally irresponsible and is carried out by one of the mightiest nations who have been foremost and constant in their criticism against other countries who act inhumanely against it's own indigenous peoples.

I am aware and have been witness to the many acts of protest against the Department of Energy and the United States efforts to destroy our Western Shoshone Culture. We have actively demonstrated at Yucca Mountain against the storage of radiation and other harmful materials stored in our environmental homeland. This facility has adversely affected our water and will be a detriment against all life for thousands of years. It has no relevance. It must be stopped and it does not belong on Western Shoshone Territory or anywhere in this world.

I have also protested against Yucca Mountain and the transport of radioactive materials through my homeland. Do consider and stop this destruction of my homeland. Please help us to keep our country clean for the future. Protect our future generations yours and mine.

Respectfully,



Lois E. Whitney