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Dear Dr. Summerson:

1... I am opposed to the proposed Nuclear Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The federal government should not force taxpayers to pay for disposal of nuclear waste from private industry. Having one central nuclear waste storage facility involves shipping nuclear waste large distances. Your own department projects 1 accident per 343 shipments.
2 That means 268 accidents during the next 30 years. I notice that there are no public hearings being held in any of the cities that will see trucks of nuclear waste passing through their streets. At a minimum, public hearings should be held in Denver, St. Louis, New Orleans, and Chicago.

1 cont'd. Yucca Mountain is itself a poor location prone to earthquakes and is on land promised to the Western Shoshone by U.S. treaty. The discussion of earthquake risk contained in the EIS is inadequate. In fact, none of the potential kinds of accidents seem to have been adequately examined.

The Draft EIS does not adequately examine the dangers posed by having a central depository nor does it examine the drawbacks to this particular location. The U.S. does not need a central nuclear depository.

Sincerely,

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