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Re: Yucca Mountain Supplement to the Draft EIS
Department of Energy:

I am writing to you to ask you to please stop the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project. I think that it is a flawed plan for a variety of reasons, which I will try to briefly mention here.

- ❖ To haul nuclear waste to a central location, will increase the risk of accidents such as nuclear spills, and will also increase the threat of terrorism, as the waste will be targeted for use in weapons making by terrorists--internal and foreign.
- ❖ Hauling the waste throughout the USA will expose citizens to radiation hazards even without accidents. The nuclear industry has projected that there will inevitably be accidents by road and rail transport. Aerial transport is illegal as well as nautical.
- ❖ Yucca Mountain is not a good site for disposal. The area is not seismically stable. The plutonium would contaminate the watertable. According to a geologist working on the project there are 16 seismic cracks below Yucca Mountain and it is not safe.
- ❖ The indigenous people do not want a nuclear waste depository on their land. The US government should begin to respect treaty rights and honor indigenous people and their religious beliefs and not desecrate their lands with nuclear waste dumps/repositories, or any other misuse of native lands.
- ❖ A leaked memo indicates that "the DOE has been working closely with the nuclear industry and intends to recommend Yucca Mountain as the site regardless of the results of current scientific research."
- ❖ Yucca Mountain is an unsuitable site for a project that has been characterized by manipulative tactics rather than unbiased scientific research.

I therefore am against the Yucca Mountain repository. I urge you to protect our water and land here in the Great Lakes also from any plans for any nuclear waste dumping or Federal repository. I urge you to support safe, renewable energy systems: wind and solar energy systems, to replace the nightmare of nuclear industrial problems, dangers, and deadly waste. It would be far better to store nuclear waste in secure decentralized areas and make the nuclear industry responsible for their mistakes....if they have to store their waste instead of dump it on the taxpayers, maybe things will change and they will consider safer energy when they find out how expensive nuclear power really is.

Sincerely,

