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Wendy Dixon, Program Manager
Yucca Mountain Environmental Impact Statement
U.S. Department of Energy, OCRWM
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North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0307

Dear Ms. Dixon:

- 1 The Kirkwood City Council objects to the placing of our residents at risk by the proposed transportation of the radioactive waste being transported through our metropolitan area, which is highly residential. We believe there are less populated routes available and if the waste is indeed transported it should not be through an area such as ours.
- 2 The City recommends at an absolute minimum, that local emergency management officials and fire chiefs be notified in advance of shipments passing through Kirkwood; local fire and emergency management personnel be provided training and procedures to follow in the event of an accident; and that rail cars be adequately marked as to their radioactive contents. There must also be an ongoing critical assessment of track conditions by Union Pacific Railroad to insure safe movements.
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Rail traffic through towns such as Kirkwood has increased many fold during the last five years, and adequate safety consideration must be assured by the Department of Energy, Department of Transportation and the railroads. Ideally, the shipments should avoid metropolitan areas.

Sincerely,

Mike Swoboda
Mayor

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