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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

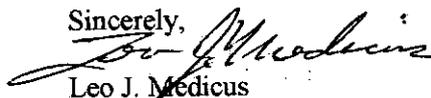
As stated in my previous letter to Ms. Wendy Dixon of your office, it is the considered opinion of many Nevada residents that the DOE has failed to address all of our legitimate concerns in connection with the storing of high-level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain.

The following is submitted for your further consideration:

- Many of us do not believe that scientific documents provided by DOE justify a finding that Yucca Mountain is suitable for development of a permanent repository. The mountain is in an earthquake prone zone and a mere ninety miles from heavily populated Las Vegas.
- There is a universal opinion among Nevada residents that burying high-level nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain would long term contaminate the air and water as our local population expands ever closer to said mountain.
- Another reason for not proceeding with a permanent repository at Yucca Mountain is the inherent danger of transporting nuclear waste from all sections of the country to Yucca Mountain. All residents of southern Nevada and thousands of residents in other states would be "in harms way". If a truck or rail accident or terrorist attack would happen "is a realistic possibility".
- In view of the above the DOE emphasis should be directed at findings ways to safely store such waste at the reactor sites in states where they are produced rather than sending such radioactive material to Nevada.
- It is our opinion that Nevada has been chosen for a repository because of our lack of population, however, I assure you that most of our residents will do all in our legal power to prevent such an action.

Your attention to our legitimate concerns would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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cc: US Senator Harry Reid
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Mr. Lake H. Barrett, Dir., Office of Civilian
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