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Ms. Carol Hanlon  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office, (M/S #025)  
P.O. Box 30307  
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0307

Dear Ms. Hanlon:

**RE: Possible Site Recommendation for Yucca Mountain**

I am writing on behalf of the Florida Municipal Power Agency and the 29 municipal utilities serving 1.7 million Floridians our organization represents, to urge the Secretary of Energy to recommend development of the Yucca Mountain site. Over 14 years of careful research have proved that Yucca Mountain is indeed a suitable location for the nuclear waste repository. It is now time for the federal government to act on this evidence and keep its promise to manage the nation's spent nuclear fuel.

Creation of a long-term storage site for used nuclear fuel is essential to the development of nuclear power resources in the United States. Spent fuel now waits at 103 plants in 31 states, including Florida. Failure to provide timely, safe and cost-effective storage and disposal will ultimately create an environmental problem, burden electric customers with more costs and could force units that have no more room to store spent fuel to shut down. The nuclear unit in which FMPA has an eight percent ownership interest (St. Lucie Unit 2 operated by Florida Power & Light) only has enough space to store spent fuel until approximately 2007.

Nuclear power development, and fuel diversification in general, are extremely important to the future of America's power supply. Nuclear power is both a clean and safe fuel and provides a stable, cost-effective power resource to serve American consumers.

Please urge the Secretary of Energy to consider the scientific evidence and the best interests of the nation in this matter, which clearly indicate he should recommend the development of the Yucca Mountain site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger A. Fontes', is written over a horizontal line.

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