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Hi, summer wanes softly here. A serious drought and many powerful wildfires, but it's been mellow overall.

There's no such thing as safe nuclear power, neither raw material development, nor power production, nor disposal of wastes, whether those wastes are at the mines, refinery facilities, or the reduced rubble of those facilities when they wear out. These things are all malignant cancers upon the body Earth, tall life.

Long ago, when studies had progressed on establishing a site for the permanent storage of nuclear wastes, I felt the Yucca Mountain site was promising, probably the best of the few. Other factors which have arisen since convince me otherwise, things like the potentials there of seismic activity, aquifer contamination and wolly, wolly insufficient transport systems to name a few. I am presently opposed to the opening of Yucca Mt. as the permanent nuclear wastes reposi-

tory. I question now of any single site for such massive wastes of that nature being wise. Too complex, too much involved in transport + containment. Too, too many things can go too, too wrong too easily.

Perhaps the best interim solution is better, more secure temporary storage of actual present waste sites, or at sites near them quantifiably more safe until better solutions develop. Harm reduction.

I read an article in the Spokesman Review, Spokane, Wa., 2 or 3 yrs. ago, describing progress being made by government researchers in converting radio-active wastes into non-radio active, stable materials. What do you know of this?

Please include me on your mailing list for any ongoing + future developments on coping with nuclear wastes.

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