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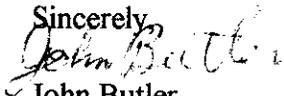
September 26, 2001

Carol Hanlon, DOE
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

How can the Secretary of Energy be preparing to recommend Yucca Mountain for a high-level nuclear waste dump when thousands of public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement have not been addressed? Without a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a detailed transportation scenario or a licensing rule, the Department of Energy lacks the basis for consideration of site suitability. The public cannot have confidence in any recommendation that arises from such a dramatically flawed process. I urge you to abandon Yucca Mountain project.

Sincerely,



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