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Dear Ms. Hanlon: Please include in the public comment:

I am writing to express my concern over the misguided Yucca Mountain project and the flawed process railroading it toward approval. The Secretary of Energy should not recommend Yucca Mt. for a high-level nuclear waste dump when thousands of public comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement still have not been addressed. Without a final EIS, a detailed transportation plan, finalized DOE repository siting guidelines, or a Nuclear Regulatory Commission repository licensing rule, the DOE lacks any basis for consideration of site suitability. The public cannot accept a recommendation to move ahead with the Yucca Mt. project that arises from a fatally flawed process like the current one DOE is using.

Yucca Mt. is a very unsuitable site. It is an active earthquake zone with a number of volcanic cinder cones visible a short distance away. The highly fractured and fissured rock allows rainwater infiltration at a fast rate, which will corrode waste containers and wash their deadly contents into groundwater, the drinking water supply for nearby farm communities. As pointed out to DOE three years ago by over 200 environmental groups, this fast flow of water should disqualify Yucca Mt from further site consideration, because it violates DOE site guidelines.

Since 75% of commercial nuclear reactors are East of the Mississippi River, moving nuclear waste many thousands of miles across the country to Nevada would require tens of thousands of shipments past the homes of 50 million Americans through 43 states. A transport accident on our roads and rails such as the recent Baltimore train tunnel fire, could release radiation and cost several billion dollars to clean up, in addition to health impacts. More importantly, in light of the recent terrorist attacks, DOE has not addressed terrorist and sabotage threats against high level waste shipments of deadly nuclear waste. It would be folly to expose the public to these risks.

I urge you to abandon the Yucca Mt. project and the countless "mobile Chernobyl" shipments by truck and train that it would entail. To do otherwise would be an irresponsible and inexcusable violation of public safety.

Sincerely,
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