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Ms Hanhon
Department of Energy

Dear Ms Hanhon

In the last couple of years I have heard quite a bit about the shipment of high-level radioactive waste. So many of my friends in St. Louis, Mo. are against these shipments, I decided to do some of my own research on the subject.

It shocked me to hear that a total of 4,650,000 curies were estimated to be present in each shipping canister. That amount of radioactivity left me wondering how the D.O.E. could allow such massive amounts of radioactivity on our highways & railroads. I heard that scientists work with tiny fractions of a curie. Yet, you want to let 4.65 million curies per shipment potentially harm the people we all are to protect. I am appalled!

I then checked out your home Mt. New. There are 33 earthquakes

FAULTS ON THIS SITE. THERE ARE ALSO PROBLEMS WITH GROUNDWATER LEAKAGE. ADDITIONALLY, A VOLCANIC FIELD IS ONLY TEN MILES FROM THE SITE.

AFTER I STUDIED THIS ISSUE I REALIZED THE ONLY TRUE PEOPLE TO BENEFIT WERE UTILITY COMPANIES. THE DOE MUST TAKE LEADERSHIP TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, OR REAL INTENDED ROUTES. WE DESERVE TO KNOW THESE THINGS BECAUSE OUR LIVES ARE AFFECTED.

PERHAPS YOUR DEPARTMENT DOESN'T REALIZE, BUT, PEOPLE ARE VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO MASSIVE SHIPMENTS BEING PROPOSED. THE DOE, BEING A GOVERNMENT OFFICE MAY ALSO PROTECT THE PEOPLE YOU SERVE.

SINCERELY,

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